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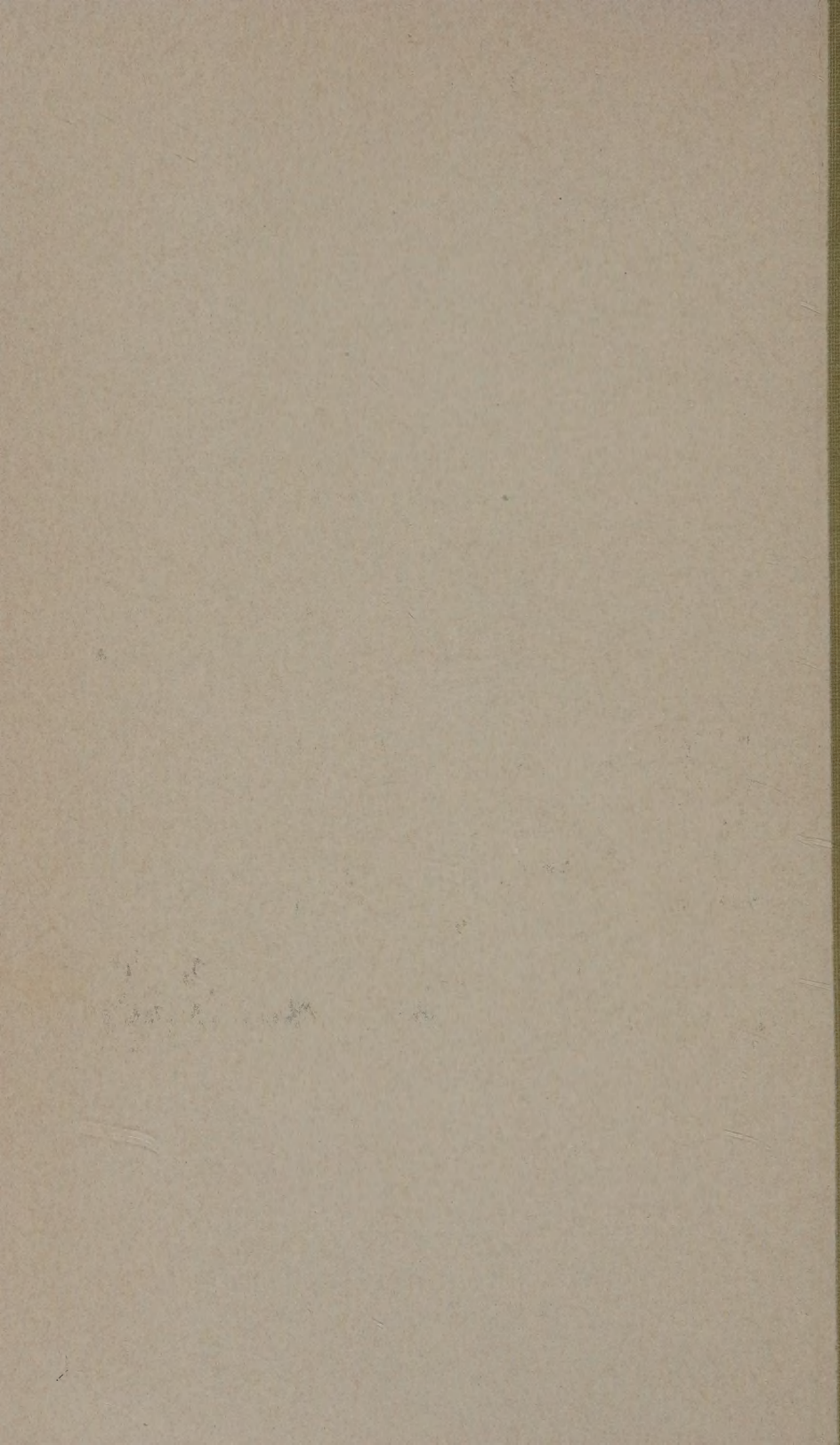
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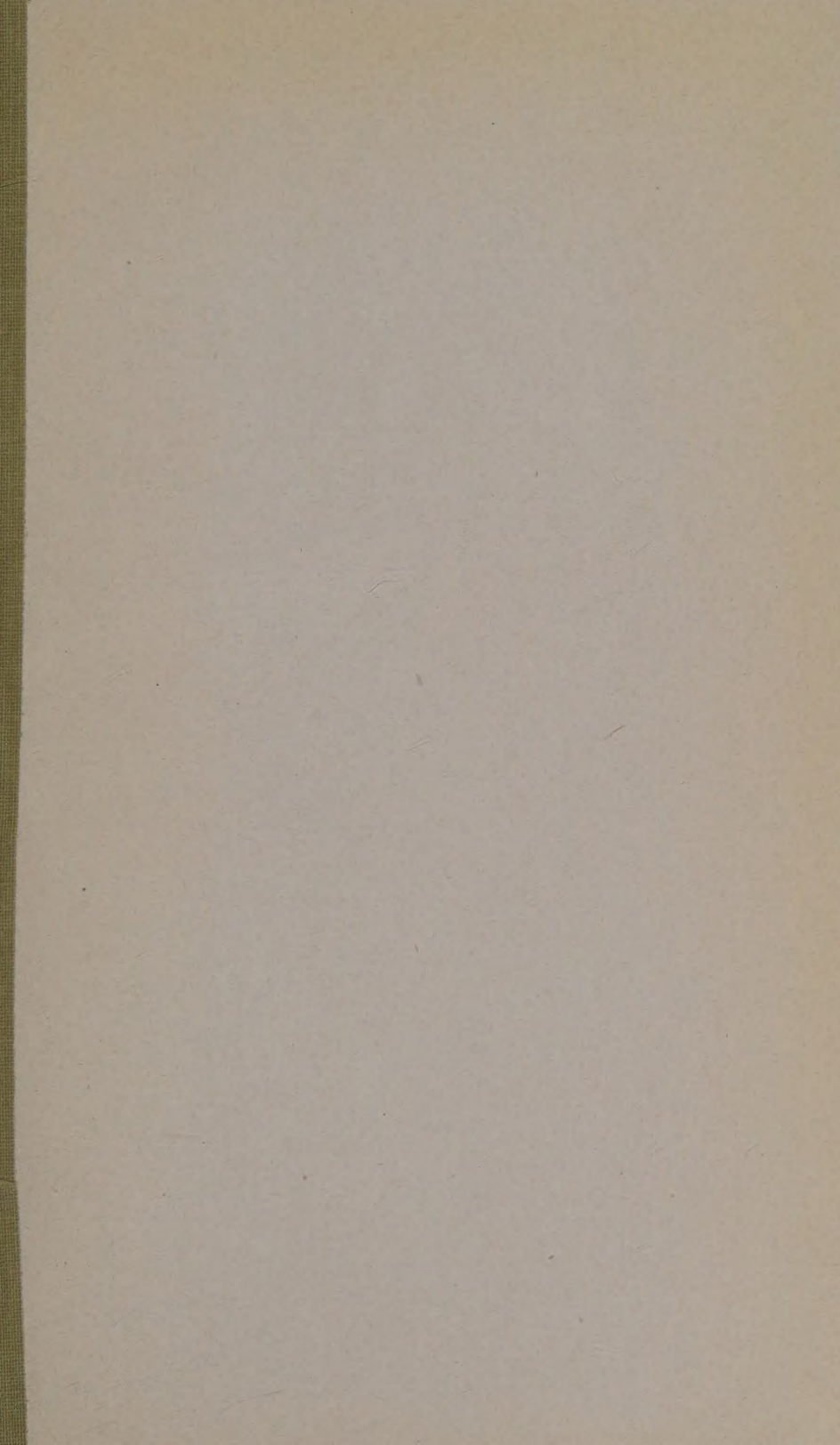
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I.

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1928—A. Ray Moore, R. W. E. Cole, Chas. A. Robinson.

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V. M. McCombs, J. Scott Willmarth, E. M. Sein, L. M. Martucci, B. E. García, R. K. Schade, Alfonso Sánchez, Enrique Narro, Mabel Holly.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS:

W. T. Gilliland, Enrique Narro, J. Scott Willmarth, A. B. Bruni, E. M. Sein, V. M. McCombs, L. P. Tirre.

EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

E. M. Sein, Chas. A. Robinson, Jennie L. Mathias, W. T. Gilliland, J. R. Wood, Leandro López, B. E. García, J. Scott Willmarth, Kathryn S. Cramp, Katherine B. Higgins, Maria Mendoza.

EPWORTH LEAGUE:

Alfonso Sánchez, V. M. McCombs, Dorcas Turner, Juan Palacios, W. T. Gilliland, Florence Bruni, C. G. Valencia, C. E. Ballesteros.

EVANGELISM:

W. T. Gilliland, S. J. Domínguez, L. P. Tirre, J. L. Tavares, R. K. Schade, A. Bruno Bruni, C. L. Andueza, F. O. Quintanilla, V. M. McCombs, B. E. García.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

F. Ray Risdon, E. M. Sein, Katherine B. Higgins, Dorcas Turner, Elizabeth K. Vincent.

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V. M. McCombs, W. T. Gilliland, Chas. A. Robinson, J. Scott Willmarth, F. Ray Risdon, Mabel Holly, E. M. Sein.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL ACTIVITY:

W. T. Gilliland, R. K. Schade, E. M. Sein, L. P. Tirre, Enrique Narro.

PROGRAM:

Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, V. M. McCombs, and the entertaining pastor.

RESOLUTIONS AND MEMOIRS:

C. G. Valencia, L. C. Flores, A. J. Lomba, A. Jiménez, F. O. Quintanilla, Katherine B. Higgins, Elizabeth K. Vincent.

TEMPERANCE AND STATE OF THE CHURCH:

J. C. Nava, Q. P. Royer, E. N. Hernández, A. B. Bruni, S. J. Domínguez, A. J. Lomba, Katherine B. Higgins.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS:

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PUBLICITY:

F. Ray Risdon, E. M. Sein, L. M. Martucci, J. L. Tavares.

III.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1925

Afternoon Session

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Latin American Mission convened in the San Fernando Mexican Methodist Episcopal Church, J. C. Nava, pastor, Thursday afternoon, March 12, 1925, with Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, our Resident Bishop, presiding.

Communion Service—After calling the meeting to order, at 2:15 o'clock, Bishop Burns requested that a hymn be sung; after which he invited Bishop William Burt to preside at the communion table.

Thereupon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, Drs. V. M. McCombs, Geo. P. Mains and E. M. Sein, and the Revs. J. C. Nava, A. Jimenez and A. B. Bruni assisting the Bishop in this sacred service.

Memorial Service—Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a beautiful memorial service was held, with Mrs. Elizabeth K. Vincent presiding.

The memoir of the late Winifred Hooker, former woman worker among the Portuguese of Oakland, was read by A. J. Lomba, the pastor of the Oakland-San Pablo Portuguese circuit. Thereupon, Raquel Cortez sang a solo in Spanish, with Mrs. V. M. McCombs accompanying on the piano.

Dr. V. M. McCombs then read the memoir of our departed pioneer-brother, Ambrosio Concepción Gonzales; at the close of which Enrique Narro led in prayer.

The name of the late Bishop William A. Quayle was pronounced by Bishop Burns, who requested that Bishop Burt offer prayer anent the passing of their beloved comrade and companion.

Following the singing of a stanza and refrain of the hymn, "There is a Land that is Fairer than Day," Bishop Burns announced that Dr. Sein, the secretary of the last previous session, would call the roll.

Roll Call—Thereupon, the roll of Conference members was read; all but Leonardo C. Flores, Ralph Rader and Quentin P. Royer answering present. The Superintendent stated that these three pastors were unable to attend the meeting.

Introductions and Offering—Ezequías Durán and his wife were introduced to Bishops Burns and Burt, and their infant daughter received the episcopal blessing.

Thereupon, at the suggestion of Dr. McCombs, an offering was taken for the bereaved family of the member of the local congregation, whose funeral service was held in this Church, this forenoon. The offering was later reported to have amounted to \$40.

Organization—Then followed the formal organization of this Annual Meeting, and the following officers were duly elected:

Secretary, E. M. Sein
 Treasurer, J. Scott Willmarth
 Statistician, Luis P. Tirre
 Railroad Secretary, Ricardo K. Schade.

At the suggestion of Dr. McCombs, permission was granted the officers to name their assistants. The persons selected were the following: F. Ray Risdon, assistant secretary; Benito E. Garcia, assistant treasurer; Mabel Holly and Dorcas Turner, assistants to the Statistician; Francisco O. Quintanilla, assistant to the Railroad Secretary.

Committees—Dr. McCombs nominated the following committees to function at the next Annual Meeting, and they were duly elected:

Benevolences—V. M. McCombs, J. Scott Willmarth, E. M. Sein, L. M. Martucci, B. E. Garcia, R. K. Schade, Alfonso Sanchez, Enrique Narro, Mabel Holly.

Conference Relations—W. T. Gilliland, E. Narro, J. Scott Willmarth, A. B. Bruni, E. M. Sein, V. M. McCombs, L. P. Tirre.

Education and Sunday Schools—E. M. Sein, Chas. A. Robinson, Jennie L. Mathias, W. T. Gilliland, J. R. Wood, Leandro Lopez, B. E. Garcia, J. Scott Willmarth, Kathryn S. Cramp, Katherine B. Higgins, Maria Mendoza.

Epworth League—Alfonso Sanchez, V. M. McCombs, Dorcas Turner, Juan Palacios, W. T. Gilliland, Florence Bruni, C. G. Valencia, C. E. Ballesteros.

Evangelism—W. T. Gilliland, S. J. Domínguez, L. P. Tirre, J. L. Tavares, R. K. Schade, A. B. Bruni, C. L. Andueza, F. O. Quintanilla, V. M. McCombs, B. E. Garcia.

Historical Society—F. Ray Risdon, E. M. Sein, Katherine B. Higgins, Dorcas Turner, Elizabeth K. Vincent.

Home Missions and Church Extension—V. M. McCombs, W. T. Gilliland, Chas. A. Robinson, J. Scott Willmarth, F. Ray Risdon, Mabel Holly, E. M. Sein.

Resolutions and Memoirs—C. G. Valencia, L. C. Flores, A. J. Lomba, A. Jimenez, F. O. Quintanilla, Katherine B. Higgins, Elizabeth K. Vincent.

Temperance and State of the Church—J. C. Nava, Q. P. Royer, E. N. Hernández, A. B. Bruni, S. J. Domínguez, A. J. Lomba, Katherine B. Higgins.

Board of Examiners—J. Scott Willmarth, W. T. Gilliland, E. M. Sein, A. Sanchez, L. M. Martucci, J. L. Tavares, V. M. McCombs.

The naming of the members of the Program Committee was deferred, at the request of Dr. McCombs.

E. M. Sein then suggested the naming of a committee of five on Interdenominational Activity. On his motion, W. T. Gilliland was named chairman; and the following members of the Mission were duly named from the floor: R. K. Schade, E. M. Sein, L. P. Tirre and Enrique Narro.

Official Program—On motion of F. Ray Risdon, the printed program was adopted as the official program of this meeting.

Ordination—Bishop Burns then ordained Helen Louise Byrnes, from the Quarterly Conference of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles, a local deacon, (to be confirmed by the Southern California Annual Conference;) Bishop William Burt assisting in the ordination service.

Superintendent's Report—The name of Dr. V. M. McCombs, Superintendent of the Latin American Mission, was called; his character was passed, and he then read his annual report. (See report.)

American Bible Society—Dr. D. H. Klinefelter, the Superintendent of the Pacific Chinese Mission, was introduced, made a brief response in Spanish, and read a report from Dr. A. Wesley Mell, of San Francisco, who, on account of illness, was unable to be present to address our meeting regarding the work of the American Bible Society.

Introductions—Dr. Geo. P. Mains, a retired Publishing Agent of the Methodist Book Concern, was then introduced and made a few remarks; after which the refrain of a favorite hymn was sung, and Bishop Burns spoke words of appreciation concerning the work and influence of Dr. Mains.

Mrs. F. W. Prince, the Bishop's hostess, and Mr. M. J. Heiler, cashier of a local bank, were introduced.

Dr. Mains was then recalled to the platform, and spoke regarding the beginnings and the growth of the Methodist Book Concern.

Miss Katherine B. Higgins, greatly beloved by all, was introduced to the Bishop, and was given an ovation by all present.

Dr. M. A. Rader and some of the students from the Spanish American Institute were formally presented; likewise, W. T. Gilliland, dean of the Christian Training School of the Plaza Community Center, who presented the other members of the faculty and eight of the language students enrolled in this department of our work.

Institute Report—Chas. A. Robinson, Superintendent of the Spanish American Institute, was called forward and, after a few introductory remarks, rendered his report. (See report.)

Greetings from Leonardo C. Flores and Dr. H. B. Johnson, Superintendent of the Pacific Japanese Mission, were read.

On motion of E. M. Sein, greetings and a message of sympathy were authorized to be sent to Mrs. William A. Quayle, widow of the late Bishop Quayle.

Introductions—Mr. Peter Robertson, vice-president of the board of trustees of the Spanish American Institute, was introduced, and spoke briefly of the work of that institution.

Mr. J. F. Woodsum, a friend of the work, was introduced; after which Bishop Burns very graciously presented Bishop and Mrs. William Burt and their daughter, and Mr. William H. Maxwell of Pasadena. Each of these received a spontaneous and hearty welcome.

Announcements were made by J. C. Nava, our pastor-host, and by E. M. Sein, Dr. V. M. McCombs, and other members of the Mission.

Then followed the formal presentation of Mrs. Charles A. Robinson, Miss Snow Newton and Mrs. V. M. McCombs.

The presence of Dr. Robert J. Taylor, a professor at Pomona College, was also noted.

Adjournment, with prayer by W. T. Gilliland.

SECOND DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1925.

Morning Session

The morning session, under the presidency of Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, opened at nine o'clock.

Devotions—Two favorite hymns, "Draw Me Nearer," and "Oh, Love That Will Not Let Me Go," were sung in Spanish; after which prayer was offered by Luis P. Tirre.

Hymn No. 108, "The Name of Jesus," was sung, and Dr. Vernon M. McCombs read the selected Scripture lesson in Spanish and in English at the request of the Bishop.

Bishop Burns then made the morning devotional address and offered prayer.

After the singing of hymn No. 173, "True Hearted," the Secretary read the proceedings of the afternoon session of the previous day, and same were duly approved as read.

Plaza Community Center—The name of W. T. Gilliland was called; his character was passed, and he thereupon read his report as Superintendent of the Plaza Community Center. (See report.)

Following the rendering of this report, assuring words, concerning the Plaza project, were given by Bishop Burns, Dr. McCombs and W. T. Gilliland, who answered some pertinent questions from the floor.

Pan-American Social Union—At the suggestion of Dr. McCombs, and on motion of E. M. Sein, the election of the following officers of the Pan-American Social Union was duly confirmed: President, Hon. José Saenz, Consul of Cuba and Panama; Vice-President, Arthur M. Loomis; Secretary, Mabel Holly; Treasurer, Benito E. García.

Epworth League—Alfonso Sanchez, President of the Epworth League of the Latin American Mission, named the following committee to nominate the district Epworth League cabinet for the coming year: Alphonso Domínguez, F. O. Quintanilla, and Juan Palacios, and their appointment was confirmed by proper action of the Mission.

Orange Circuit—The name of Ricardo K. Schade was called, his character was passed, and he rendered his report as pastor of the Orange-El Modena circuit. Following his report, his election as chorister of this Annual Meeting was duly confirmed.

Greetings—At the suggestion of Bishop Burns, seconded by Dr. McCombs, and on motion of Emilio N. Hernández, greetings were authorized to be sent to Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, by the Secretary of this session of the Latin American Mission.

Pastoral Reports—The names of the following pastors were called, in the order given; their characters were passed, and they rendered brief reports concerning the work on their respective charges and circuits:—A. Bruno Bruni, Los Angeles-San Pedro Italian circuit; Benjamin N. Cortez, Bakersfield; Ezequías Durán, Owensmouth-Van Nuys; Benito E. García, Santa Ana; and Emilio N. Hernández, Long Beach.

The name of Antonio Jimenez was called and his character was passed, although Brother Jimenez was absent, temporarily, on account of his physical condition.

Resuming the calling of the roll, the following pastors rendered their reports, as their names were called and after their characters were passed:

Antonio J. Lomba, Oakland-San Pablo Portuguese circuit; and Lucius M. Martucci, San Francisco Italian Friendly Center.

The Italian Friendly Center—By special courtesy, Mrs. Vernon M. McCombs spoke of the coming of Mrs. Charles Wesley Burns and of her interest in the work among the Italians of the Bay district; also concerning the work done by Dr. Martucci in San Francisco and Monterey. A brief response was made by the resident pastor, who answered some questions propounded by the Bishop, regarding the acquisition of the Italian Friendly Center and the program of this institutional church.

Reports—Enrique Narro then rendered his report as pastor of the Anaheim circuit, following the calling of his name and the passing of his character.

At the Bishop's request, Brother and Sister Schade sang a duet, in both the English and the Spanish tongues.

The names of J. C. Nava and Francisco Quintanilla were called, in alphabetical order; their characters were passed, and they reported for their respective circuits. As a feature of his report, Brother Quintanilla exhibited several relics surrendered by recent converts to the Protestant evangelical faith.

Announcements were made by J. C. Nava.

Brotherhood of Travel—R. K. Schade reported that the Brotherhood of Travel had fixed the pro-rata share at \$7.18. This rate was duly confirmed.

The Rev. H. H. Hocker, pastor of the San Fernando Methodist Episcopal Church, then made an important announcement.

Introductions—Drs. Lewis Thurber Guild and Clyde M. Crist, respective Superintendents of the Los Angeles and San Diego Districts of the Southern California Conference, were introduced; likewise, Mrs. C. D. Bow-lus, Mrs. Geo. N. King and Mrs. A'fonso Sanchez; after which W. T. Gilliland presented Miss Lila B. MacDowell and Miss Olive A. Knoch, and mentioned the names of other members of the Plaza staff.

The session adjourned with prayer by J. R. Wood.

Afternoon Session

The devotional hour, Friday afternoon, was in charge of E. M. Sein, who opened the service at 2:15 o'clock.

Following the reading of Scripture and the offering of prayer, the Rev. Ignacio López, President of the Interdenominational Sunday School and Young People's Convention of Southern California, was introduced and spoke regarding the convention at Santa Ana, this coming May.

A paper, in Spanish, on "Modern Religious Movements," as prepared and previously rendered by E. M. Sein, was read again, by special request, for the benefit of the brethren.

Business Session—Dr. McCombs opened the afternoon business session, at the request of Bishop Burns, who was detained a few minutes on account of other important business.

Bishop Burns entered the Church and took the chair, as the record of the proceedings of the morning was being read by the Secretary.

The minutes of the morning session were then approved as read.

Border Work—Luis P. Tirre then read his report, after his name was called and his character passed. The Bishop assured him that he had the

prayers and well-wishes of all Christian friends of his work along the Border.

A chorus of nine ladies, the wives of pastors of our Mission, sang a group of selected hymns in Spanish, Brother Tirre accompanying them on the piano.

Reports—The names of the following pastors were called, their characters were passed, and they rendered reports, as follows: Alfonso Sanchez, Santa Paula-Ventura circuit, who presented a group of young men, members of the Church at Santa Paula; E. M. Sein, Plaza Mexican Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles; J. L. Tavares, Newman-Hanford Portuguese circuit; Cristóbal G. Valencia, Stockton; and J. Scott Willmarth, Wintersburg-Huntington Beach circuit, whose report was supplemented by the report of Celso Esparza, of the Westminster-Stanton-Talbert circuit.

Greetings—Dr. Clyde M. Crist brought greetings from the Cabinet of the Southern California Annual Conference, as well as personal greetings, E. M. Sein acting as his interpreter.

Board of the Latin American Mission—A brief summary of the audit showing the condition of the Board of the Latin American Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church was read by F. Ray Risdon, at the suggestion and request of Dr. V. M. McCombs and J. Scott Willmarth. The report was duly received.

Trustees—The names of those nominated by Dr. McCombs, with the concurrence of Bishop Burns, were read; and on proper motion, duly made, seconded and carried, the nominations were approved, and the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for those nominated. This done, the following were declared to be the duly-elected trustees of the Board for the coming year: Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, Vernon M. McCombs, G. Bromley Oxnam, L. T. Guild, Clyde M. Crist, Carl M. Warner, A. C. Bane, A. C. Stevens, W. L. Y. Davis, W. T. Gilliland, Mrs. J. H. McCallum, E. M. Sein, Arthur M. Loomis, Arthur G. Lindley and J. Scott Willmarth.

Special Committee—The name of Leonardo C. Flores was called, and his case was referred to a special committee, suggested and named by Dr. V. M. McCombs, namely: E. M. Sein, Enrique Narro, W. T. Gilliland, L. P. Tirre and J. Scott Willmarth, who were instructed to confer with the Superintendent of the Mission in the consideration of a matter of vital importance.

Baptism—The Bishop then stated the order of the day for Saturday morning; after which several announcements were made and the session adjourned, following the baptism of Edwin Lincoln Perea, infant grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. Gavino Garcia.

THIRD DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1925

Morning Session

Following a song service, led by R. K. Schade, Bishop Burns requested a special selection, which was sung by Brother and Sister Schade, preliminary to the devotional message of the morning.

Devotions—Taking the fifth verse of the ninth chapter of St. Matthew as the Scriptural setting for his sermonic address, the Bishop lifted us up to heights sublime, close to the heart of God. The spiritual fervor of the

hour was heightened by the prayers offered by L. M. Martucci and Cristóbal G. Valencia, at the close of the Bishop's message.

The business session began at 9:50 o'clock, with Bishop Burns presiding.

Minutes—The minutes of the afternoon session of Friday were read by the Secretary, and same were approved as read, with a suggested correction relating to the reference made to the status of the Board of the Latin American Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sacramento Work—The names of S. J. Domínguez and Retta Parrott were called, and they rendered reports as supply pastor and woman worker, respectively, at Sacramento.

A hymn, written by a convert in Sacramento, was sung as a trio by Raquel Cortez, Betty Verrue and S. J. Domínguez; at the conclusion of which, the Bishop presented Miss Verrue, who has delighted all with her beautiful vocal selections.

Introductions—Dr. McCombs introduced some local friends, including Mrs. Spurgeon Clemens, Mrs. E. S. Carter and Mrs. Williams.

Woman Workers' Organization—Following some important announcements by Dr. McCombs and others, the women workers and the wives of pastors retired to the social hall for the purpose of perfecting the woman workers' organization; and the special committee, appointed on Friday, was excused to consider the matter referred to it.

Pastoral Supplies—The names of the active pastoral supplies were called, and they rendered their reports in the following order: Feliciano Chavez, Moorpark; Leandro Lopez, Fullerton, who presented to the Bishop a cabinet photograph of the Fullerton chapter of the Epworth League; Gavino Garcia, Rivera-Downey-Hynes circuit; Alphonso Domínguez, Santa Monica; Joseph R. Wood, Glendora; Tranquilino Gomez, Artesia; Juan Palacios, Fillmore; Pedro Robles, assistant, Orange; and Carlos Andueza, Lamanda Park.

A choral selection was rendered by a group of children from the local Mexican Church, to the delight of all who were present.

Presentation of Flags—After a thrilling report by Mrs. Kathryn S. Cramp, regarding her work along the Border, Luis P. Tirre sprang a pleasant surprise by presenting five of our workers, who, in the following order, presented to Bishop Burns a flag from their individual and respective countries, namely: Elizabeth K. Vincent, the Stars and Stripes; E. M. Sein, the flag of Mexico; L. M. Martucci, the flag of Italy; J. L. Tavares, the flag of Portugal, and Carlos L. Andueza, the flag of Spain.

Preceding and following the presentation of these beautiful national banners, appropriate and patriotic airs were sung by the congregation; following which the Bishop made a hearty and heartfelt response.

Extension of Time—At the suggestion of Bishop Burns, and on motion of E. M. Sein, the time of today's session was extended.

Work in France—Dr. Ernest W. Bysshe, for several years the Superintendent of the French Mission, was introduced, and made a few remarks regarding the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in France.

Conference Relations—The report of the Committee on Conference Relations was rendered by W. T. Gilliland, who presented, in order, the names of Alfonso Escobosa of the Plaza Mexican Methodist Episcopal

Church of Los Angeles, and Catalino Erasmo Ballesteros, of the San Fernando Mexican Methodist Episcopal Church, and recommended both of them for admission on trial in the Southern California Annual Conference.

Proper and favorable action was taken on both recommendations, and each of these young men was duly recommended for admission on trial in the Southern California Annual Conference.

C. E. Ballesteros was called forward and presented to the Annual Meeting by Bishop Burns.

Disciplinary Questions—J. Scott Willmarth then presented the report of the Board of Examiners, which was considered item by item, as the regular Disciplinary Questions were asked and answered, as follows:

Question 1: "Who are on Trial in Studies of the First Year?" Carlos L. Andueza, Benjamín N. Cortéz, Alphonso Domínguez, (Southern California); Stephen J. Domínguez, Bonifacio Durán (California); Tranquilino Gomez, Leandro Lopez, (Southern California); Antonio J. Lomba, (California); Juan C. Palacios, Pedro Robles, (Southern California); Joaquín J. Gutiérrez, (California).

Question 2: "Who are on Trial?" (a) "In Studies of the Second Year?" Benito E. Garcia, (Southern California); Cristóbal G. Valencia (California). (b) "In Studies of the Third Year?" None. (c) "In Studies of the Fourth Year?" None.

Question 3: "Who are Members of Conference in Studies of the Third Year?" Ezequías Durán, Leonardo C. Flores, Francisco O. Quintanilla, (Southern California).

Question 4: "Who are Members of Conference in Studies of the Fourth Year?" Emilio N. Hernández, (Southern California).

Question 5: "What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?" (a) "In Regular Course?" Ezequías Durán, Francisco O. Quintanilla, (Southern California). (b) "As Local Preachers?" None. (c) "Under Missionary Rule?" None. (d) "Under Seminary Rule?" None.

Question 6: "What Local Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?" None.

Question 7: "What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Elders?" (a) "In Regular Course?" None. (b) "As Local Deacons?" None. (c) "Under Missionary Rule?" None. (d) Under Seminary Rule?" None.

Question 8: "What Local Deacons have been Ordained Elders?" None.

Recommendations—On motions made by J. Scott Willmarth, the brethren in the studies of the first year were continued; Benito E. Garcia and Cristóbal G. Valencia were recommended for advancement to studies of the third year and full membership in their respective Conferences, subject to their finishing the prescribed studies for the second year; Ezequías Durán, Leonardo C. Flores and F. O. Quintanilla were recommended for continuance in studies of the third year; and Emilio N. Hernández was recommended for continuance in studies of the fourth year.

Benevolences—The report of the Committee on Benevolences was rendered by J. Scott Willmarth, received with hearty applause, and on motion of F. Ray Risdon, was adopted and filed. (See report.)

Evangelism—The report of the Committee on Evangelism was rendered by W. T. Gilliland. (See report).

On motion of Dr. V. M. McCombs, this report was ordered to be published bi-lingually in the Official Journal, and a copy of the report was ordered to be sent to the California Christian Advocate.

Introductions—The Rev. Frederic H. Blair, Supervisor of Religious Education of the Goodwill Industries of Southern California, was introduced; likewise, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Prince and Mr. M. J. Heiler, of San Fernando.

Mr. Fred W. Prince made a few remarks of value to all, E. M. Sein interpreting for him.

Mr. Marshall O. Nelson and Miss Evangeline Nava were presented, and Dr. McCombs announced the coming marriage of Miss Nava.

Following announcements by Dr. McCombs, and the selection of Enrique Narro to lead the afternoon devotional service, F. Ray Risdon moved that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock; which was duly seconded and carried.

Adjournment, with prayer by Enrique Narro.

Afternoon Session

Following the devotional service, conducted by Enrique Narro, Saturday afternoon, Bishop Burns called for the reading of the minutes of the morning session. Thereupon, the minutes were read by the Secretary, and duly approved as read.

Question 10 was then asked: "What is the Statistical Report for this year?" Thereupon, L. P. Tirre rendered the reports of the Statistician, and the reports were duly received and filed. (See statistical reports.)

Question 13 was then asked: "Where shall the next Annual Meeting be held?"

The Long Beach and Watts-Compton Mexican circuits extended invitations, presented by Emilio N. Hernández and Francisco O. Quintanilla, respectively.

On motion of Luis P. Tirre, the selection of the place of the next Annual Meeting was referred to a committee composed of the Presiding Bishop, the Superintendent of the Latin American Mission, and the Secretary of this year's session.

Question 11 was then asked: "What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections Ordered by the General Conference, as Reported by the Treasurer?"

Thereupon, Benito E. Garcia, the assistant treasurer, rendered the Treasurer's report, and stated that the total of Apportioned Disciplinary Benevolences, collected during the year, amounted to \$1239.

On motion of Dr. V. M. McCombs, the report was received, and permission was granted the Treasurer to publish the corrected totals. (See report.)

Apportionments—The Bishop announced the aggregate apportionments fixed for the coming year, and on motion of Dr. V. M. McCombs, the apportionments were adopted as recommended by the Chicago office.

Education—The report of the Committee on Education and Sunday Schools was rendered by E. M. Sein; which report was duly accepted and filed. (See report.)

State of the Church—J. C. Nava rendered the report of the Committee on Temperance and State of the Church, which was accepted and filed. (See report.)

Epworth League—Alfonso Sanchez rendered a brief report concerning the work of the Epworth League, and made a few extemporaneous remarks regarding some of the problems confronting this organization.

On motion of Dr. V. M. McCombs, a minute entry was ordered to be made of the officers elected by the Epworth League of the Latin American Mission for the ensuing year, as follows: Alfonso Sanchez, President; Alfonso Escobosa, First Vice-President; Carlos López, Second Vice-President; Stella Jimenez, Third Vice-President; Antonio Sein, Fourth Vice-President; Otila Luján, Secretary; Mrs. Celia F. de Dominguez, Treasurer; Carlos L. Andueza, Librarian; Dorcas L. Turner, Junior League Superintendent.

Introductions—Miss Ruth Overton and the Rev. F. W. Blanchard, local friends of the Latin American Mission, were introduced, and Miss Overton spoke appreciatively of the work that we are doing.

Historical Society—The report of the Historical Society was read by F. Ray Risdon, and duly adopted. (See report.)

Home Missions—Dr. V. M. McCombs rendered the report of the Latin American Mission Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; which report, on motion of E. N. Hernández, was adopted, and a letter of thanks was authorized to be sent by Dr. McCombs to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for its generous appropriations for the work of the Latin American Mission.

Committees—Dr. V. M. McCombs named the following committees, which were duly approved, namely:

Program Committee: The Resident Bishop, the Superintendent of the Latin American Mission, and the entertaining pastor.

Publicity Committee: F. Ray Risdon, E. M. Sein, L. M. Martucci, J. L. Tavares.

Extension of Time—On motion of Dr. V. M. McCombs, the time was extended.

Question 9 was then asked: "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?"

The Bishop announced the recorded entry, namely: "This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open session of the Annual Meeting."

The report of the special committee was then called, and E. M. Sein reported that the committee recommended that the matter referred to it be referred back to the Superintendent of the Latin American Mission and

the members of the special committee, for further consideration and decision. This was accordingly done.

The name of Leonardo C. Flores was then called, and his character was passed.

Lay Workers—On motion of F. Ray Risdon, reports from the lay workers were dispensed with, except in the case of those workers whose names were called by Dr. McCombs, as follows: Alma H. Blew, Rena Cathcart, Alice E. Davidson, Lila B. MacDowell, Maria Mendoza, Snow Newton (whose report was rendered by Mrs. V. M. McCombs), Maria Soto, Dorcas Turner and Mrs. Elizabeth K. Vincent.

Miss Betty Verrue, Luis P. Tirre, Alfonso Sanchez and Enrique Narro spoke most appreciatively of the sacrificial work being done by Miss Alma H. Blew in Mesa, Arizona.

Greetings from Mrs. Charles Wesley Burns were communicated to the meeting by Bishop Burns; and on motion of Dr. V. M. McCombs, reciprocal greetings were extended to Mrs. Burns.

Official Journal—The following resolution was introduced by F. Ray Risdon, and duly adopted:

Resolved: That the Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to edit and publish the reports received and filed at the Annual Meeting, together with the daily proceedings in English and in Spanish; and that, when published, same be, and are hereby adopted as the Official Journal of this Sixth Annual Meeting of the Latin American Mission.

Introductions—Miss Mabel Holly and Mrs. Salomé Tirre, mother of Luis P. Tirre, were presented and greeted with applause.

Candidate for Ministry—The name of Celso Acosta was presented by Dr. V. M. McCombs as a candidate for admission on trial in the Southern California Annual Conference, on recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of the Long Beach Mexican Methodist Episcopal Church.

On motion of E. M. Sein, the name of this brother was recommended for trial, as suggested, with the approval of the Committee on Conference Relations of the Latin American Mission.

Resolutions—The Report of the Committee on Resolutions and Memoirs was rendered by Mrs. Elizabeth K. Vincent; and on motion of E. M. Sein, said report was adopted by a rising vote. (See report.)

Minutes—After a few announcements had been made, the Secretary read the proceedings of this afternoon's session, and same were duly approved.

A heart-to-heart talk was made by Dr. V. M. McCombs, after reading a textual message from the 37th Psalm.

The appointments were then read, and a minute entry was made of the changed relations of W. E. Kirby, Ralph Rader and Snow Newton. (See list of appointments.)

The pastors and supplies were called to the altar as their appointments were read, and Bishop Burns conducted a brief but impressive consecration service, which he closed with prayer.

Then followed a fellowship meeting, in which all participated, and the Annual Meeting stood adjourned **sine die**.

We certify that the foregoing is a correct and official record of the proceedings of the Latin American Mission at its Sixth Annual Meeting.

Charles Wesley Purpus

Presiding Bishop

W. H. Seiw.

Secretary

IV.

Disciplinary Questions

1. **Who are on Trial in Studies of First Year?**
Carlos L. Andueza (Southern California).
Benjamin N. Cortéz (Southern California).
Alfonso Domínguez (Southern California).
Stephen J. Domínguez (California).
Bonifacio Durán (California).
Tranquilino Gómez (Southern California).
Joaquin J. Gutiérrez (California).
Leandro López (Southern California).
Antonio J. Lomba (California).
Juan C. Palacios (Southern California).
Pedro Robles (Southern California).
2. **Who are on Trial?**
(a) In Studies of Second Year.
Benito E. García (Southern California).
Cristóbal G. Valencia (California).
(b) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
(c) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.
3. **Who are Members of Conference in Studies of Third Year?**
Ezequias Durán (Southern California).
Leonardo C. Flores (Southern California).
Francisco O. Quintanilla (Southern California).
4. **Who are Members of Conference in Studies of Fourth Year?**
Emilio N. Hernández (Southern California).
5. **What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?**
(a) In Regular Course.
Ezequias Durán (Southern California).
Francisco O. Quintanilla (Southern California).
(b) As Local Preachers.
None.
(c) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
(d) Under Seminary Rule.
None.
6. **What Local Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?**
None.
7. **What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Elders?**
(a) In Regular Course.
None.
(b) As Local Deacons.
None.
(c) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
(d) Under Seminary Rule.
None.
8. **What Local Deacons have been Ordained Elders?**
None.
9. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
This was strictly done, as the name of each preacher was called in open session of the Annual Meeting.

10. **What is the Statistical Report for this year?**
See report.
11. **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections Ordered by the General Conference, as Reported by the Treasurer?**
\$1,239.00.
12. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See list of appointments.
13. **Where shall the next Annual Meeting be held?**
Referred to Special Committee.

V.

Appointments

VERNON M. McCOMBS, Superintendent, Southern California (6)
Suite 304 Munger Block, 342 North Main Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Names of pastoral supplies are inclosed in parentheses ().

Names of Conference members on trial are printed in **blackface**.

Figures following names of preachers indicate years of service in the charge entered upon by pastor appointed.

A copy of this Official Journal, with these appointments, is deposited with Clergy Ticket Bureau in Chicago for reference by applicants.

APPOINTMENT	CONF. BOUNDS	NAME	CONF. MEM. YR.
Anaheim, Sugar Factory, Placentia, Atwood (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Enrique Narro, 319 Chestnut St., Anaheim	So. Calif. (11)
Assistant Pastor	So. Calif.	Leonardo C. Flores, Richfield	So. Calif. (1)
Artesia, Buena Park, Bellflower, Los Alamitos (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Tranquilino Gómez, Artesia	So. Calif. (3)
Bakersfield, Arvin, Tulare (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Benjamin N. Cortéz, 415 Fremont St., Bakersfield	So. Calif. (2)
Calexico, Mexicali, Fl. Centro, Imperial (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Luis P. Tirre, 406 Mary St., Calexico	So. Calif. (7)
Assistant (Bilingual)	So. Calif.	Q. P. Royer, Calexico	So. Calif. (3)
Fillmore, Simi, Piru (Mex.)	So. Calif.	(C. E. Ballesteros), Fillmore	(1)
Fullerton Circuit (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Leandro López, Box 403, Anaheim	So. Calif. (3)
Glendora Circuit (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Pedro Robles, Glendora	So. Calif. (1)
Lamanda Park Circuit (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Carlos L. Andueza, Lamanda Park	So. Calif. (2)
Long Beach, West Long Beach, Wilmington (Mex.)	So. Calif.	J. C. Nava, 1350 Redondo Ave., Long Beach	So. Calif. (1)
Los Angeles Plaza Center and City Circuit (Mex.)	So. Calif.	E. M. Sein, 4127 Berenice Ave., Los Angeles	So. Calif. (12)
Los Angeles Plaza and Wilson Street and San Pedro (Ital.)	So. Calif.	A. Bruno Bruni, 212 No. Sichel St., Los Angeles	So. Calif. (7)
Mesa, Arizona, and Salt River Valley Circuit (Mex.)	So. Calif.	(To be supplied)	
Monterey Circuit (Lat. Amer.)	California	(To be supplied)	
Moorpark Circuit (Mex.)	So. Calif.	(Feliciano Chavez) Moorpark	(2)
Mountain View, Summervale (Span.)	California	Bonifacio Durán, Box 87, Mountain View	California (3)
Newman, Turlock, Hanford (Port.)	So. Calif.	José L. Tavares, Box 194, Newman	So. Calif. (4)
Oakland, San Leandro, San Pablo (Port.)	California	Antonio J. Lomba, 2412 East 15th St., East Oakland	California (3)

Orange, Olive and El Modeno (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Ricardo K. Schade, 405 No. Lemon St., Orange	So. Calif. (3)
Pasadena and Lincoln Circuit (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Antonio Jiménez, 169 Ritzman St., Pasadena	So. Calif. (3)
Rivera, Downey, Hynes (Mex.)	So. Calif.	*(Gavino García) Box 8, Rivera	(3)
Sacramento, "American Center" and Roseville (Lat. Amer.)	California	Stephen J. Domínguez, 2546 Sloat Way, Sacramento	California (2)
San Fernando, Burbank, Pacoima (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Alfonso Sánchez, San Fernando	So. Calif. (1)
San Francisco Italian Center (Casa del Popolo) (Ital.)	California	L. M. Martucci, 790 Lombard St., San Francisco	California (3)
Santa Ana, West Santa Ana, Delhi (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Benito E. García, 110 Garfield St., Santa Ana	So. Calif. (3)
Santa Monica and Bay District (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Alphonso Domínguez, 1909 Michigan Ave., Santa Monica	So. Calif. (2)
Santa Paula, Ventura, Limoneira (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Juan C. Palacios, Santa Paula	So. Calif. (1)
Selma, Farmersville, Kingsburg, Del Rey, Parlier (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Emilio N. Hernández, 1123 Sheridan St., Selma	So. Calif. (1)
Stockton, Tracy, Lodi (Mex.)	California	Cristóbal G. Valencia, 1833 East Main St. Stockton	California (3)
Tia Juana-San Ysidro Circuit (Mex.)	So. Calif.	(To be supplied)	
Van Nuys, Owensmouth, Lankershim (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Ezequías Durán, Box 606, Van Nuys	So. Calif. (4)
Watts, Jarden, Compton (Mex.)	So. Calif.	Francisco O. Quintanilla, 432 Electric Blvd., Watts	So. Calif. (7)
Westminster, Stanton, Talbert (Mex.)	So. Calif.	(Celso Esparza) Westminster	So. Calif. (8)
Wintersburg Bilingual Circuit	So. Calif.	J. Scott Willmarth, Route 1, Huntington Beach	So. Calif. (7)

*(Tentative appointment expiring in June, 1925.)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

W. T. Gilliland (5)	Superintendent, Plaza Community Center (So. Calif. Conf.), Plaza Mexican Q.C., 609 New High St., Los Angeles, Calif.
Marvin A. Rader (1)	Assistant Superintendent, Spanish American Institute, (Philip- pine Conf.), Gardena, Calif.

- J. Scott Willmarth (2).....Treasurer, Latin American Mission, and Instructor in the Christian Training School of the Plaza Community Center (So. Calif. Conf.), Wintersburg (Huntington Beach), Calif.
- J. R. Wood (2).....Instructor in the Christian Training School of the Plaza Community Center (Baltimore Conf.), 858 West 59th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- Alma H. Bl  w.....Woman Worker, Box 786, Mesa, Arizona.
- Florence Bruni.....Woman Worker, Italian Church, Los Angeles, 212 North Sichel St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Rena B. Cathcart.....Woman Worker, Pasadena and San Fernando, 1807 Ave. 46, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Kathryn S. Cramp.....Woman Worker, Tia Juana-San Ysidro Border Circuit, San Ysidro, Calif.
- Alice E. Davidson.....Woman Worker, Santa Ana Circuit, 516 West Fifth St., Santa Ana, Calif.
- Eva Garc  a.....Woman Worker, Mountain View Circuit, Mountain View, Calif.
- Mrs. Martha F. Gonzales...Woman Worker, Lamanda Park, 181 South Roosevelt Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
- Mrs. Harriett L. R. Grove...Volunteer Worker, Plaza Community Center and Latin American Mission, 1457 Allison St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Joaquin J. Guti  rrez.....Volunteer Religious Worker, Bay District Circuit, 168 Russ St., San Francisco, Calif.
- Katherine B. Higgins.....On furlough.
- Marie Hogue.....Superintendent, Italian Friendly Center (W.H.M.S.), 790 Lombard St., San Francisco, Calif.
- Mabel Holly.....Secretary, Latin American Mission, Room 304, 342 North Main St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- John P. Howe.....Assistant Superintendent, Spanish American Institute, Gardena, Calif.
- Mrs. Anna Jewell.....Woman Worker, Rivera and Downey, Downey, Calif.
- Olive A. Knoch.....Clinic Nurse, Plaza Community Center, 609 New High St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Margaret E. Lobb.....Woman Worker, Oakland Portuguese, 828 Third Ave., East Oakland, Calif.
- Otila Luj  n.....Woman Worker, Fullerton, Calif.
- Lila B. MacDowell.....General Aid Secretary, Plaza Community Center, 609 New High St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Jennie L. Mathias.....Superintendent, Frances DePauw Industrial School (W.H. M.S.), 4952 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Maria Mendoza.....Woman Worker, Stockton Mexican, 1602 East Main St., Stockton, Calif.
- Elinor Mitchell.....Office Secretary, Plaza Community Center, 609 New High St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Martha Narro.....Student Missionary, Anaheim Mexican Church, 319 Chestnut St., Anaheim, Calif.
- Retta Parrott.....Assistant Woman Worker, Sacramento, 516 Fifteenth St., Sacramento, Calif.
- Blanche R. Randall.....Clinic Assistant, Plaza Community Center, 609 New High St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- F. Ray Risdon.....Legal Welfare Advisor and Secretary, Plaza Community Center, 304 Munger Block, 342 North Main St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Chas. A. Robinson.....Superintendent, Spanish American Institute, Gardena, Calif.
- Carrie J. Root.....Matron, Children's Home, Plaza Community Center, 247 North Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre, Calif.
- Dorcas Turner.....Student Worker, Latin American Mission, and Young People's Worker, Plaza Community Center, Room 304, 342 North Main St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Mrs. E. K. Vincent.....Visitor and Instructor, Plaza Community Center, 609 New High St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Mrs. M. Wortman.....Housekeeper, Children's Home, Plaza Community Center, 247 North Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre, Calif.
- Jessie Wortman.....Assistant, Children's Home, Plaza Community Center, 247 North Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre, Calif.



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Superintendent of the
LATIN AMERICAN MISSION

VI. Reports

(a) Superintendent of the Latin American Mission

A NEW EARTH

EVERY hyacinth bulb has a flower in its heart. Cut it open, and you can see it.

In the work of Latin American Missions is a new Pan-America. In the Plaza Community Center is a new Mexico City, Lima and Madrid. In the Italian Friendly Center of San Francisco is the embryo of a new Rome, Florence and Sicily. In the Oakland Portuguese Center is a new Lisbon, Rio de Janeiro and Congo capital. In the Spanish American Institute lies imperaled for Mexico all that Hampton Institute was to Booker T. Washington and for the colored race in all the world.

Saint John began with the bulb—"In the beginning," and closed with—"I saw a new earth." We see a new Pan-America in the following year's report. It is that vision which allures through labours and trials many. Thus it can be said, that God has hid eternity in the heart of every one of our valiant missionaries.

Paul Laurence Dunbar cried, "How slow is the pageant of a race climbing upward!" The Latin Americans within our borders are climbing toward Saint John's vision of that "new earth" which is steadily, if not swiftly, making this New World a new kind of a world. Our report deals with the upward climb of some 46,381 different Latin Americans, who have been touched helpfully one or more times during the past year.

The new earth for them was first hid in the hearts of our seventy faithful workers. The new earth in the Pacific Southwest is no longer a matter of reducing eight million buffaloes to four thousand; it is the staying of the ruthless exploitation of multitudes of people, of infinitely more value than countless herds of buffaloes. Robert E. Speer says, "The life blood of women, children and broken, ignorant men drips from the wheels of our Anglo-Saxon progress." Our particular task is not the changing of cannibal ovens into chapel sites on savage isles, but so see and make a new earth of the Border and the Pacific Southwest, where furnace-like vice-centers shall become a new earth, safely lighthouseed for youth, womanhood, and true democracy.

The 260,000 miles of ribbons of steel in America, speeding to the West,—now mostly laid and kept by Mexicans,—was first hid, they tell us, in the heart of Abraham Lincoln.

Edward Laird Mills has a vision of America having this new earth in its heart, when he says:

"What the world has been waiting for through the centuries is a sample Christian nation. America has the best chance of being that sample."

A new race is being evolved in this Pacific Southwest. That new earth is now hid in a growing company, ranging from the Bishop to the

humblest local preacher in our Mission,—in the co-operating advisory councils so wisely serving their respective Latin American missions.

The new earth means a change of social climate from ignorance, indifference, and even vindictive obstructiveness, to repentant, burning-hearted, patient co-operation. We are making that climate colder, with thoughts and words of criticism; or warmer, by the balmy breezes of brotherhood.

Scott Winebrenner, pastor at Moorpark, in the Apricot Empire, writes: "It is wonderful how our unpaid man of God, Feliciano Chavez, is getting hold of the Mexicans. There were fifty-five crowded into that little house, Sunday evening. They organized an Epworth League of fifteen members. They have thirty in their Sunday school, and organized a Mexican Methodist church with nine members last Wednesday evening. Others will join soon. They need a church badly. They have forty dollars toward a church building."

This mission was organized by Lila MacDowell, of the Plaza Community Center, and the Plaza Epworth League. It is pastored by this Mexican "man of God," and big-brothered by the pastor of the American church and by the beloved student-pastor, John Palacios, at Fillmore, several miles away.

Unpaid and illiterate is this local preacher, Feliciano Chavez, who is registering such fine success in co-operation with the student-pastor from the Plaza Christian Training School. Both of these men were led to God and into service by Pastor S. J. Domínguez at Selma, who, in the same week, writes, "What can I do with my family for two weeks, with no provision, and now going to conference with only two dollars? What shall I do?"

The only cure for all this, is the vision of a new earth for these people. As Paul Laurence Dunbar truly said, "How slow is the pageant of a race climbing upward!"

These are giant hours in the birth-throes of a new earth, particularly among the Latin peoples. President Coolidge, this week, acted as arbiter in the settlement of the age-old quarrel between Chile and Peru, which has practically divided Latin America into two camps. France, within a month, has severed relations with the Vatican; Mexico has served notice that hereafter a Knight of Columbus who holds office in the Mexican Government must relinquish either one relationship or the other. A leading movement in Mexico is projected—a Mexican Catholic church severing all relations with Rome!

In the orgy of hangings in California this year, Mexicans have been prominent. Doubtless, several of them were innocent, as one warden in the Southwest declared. Newspapers report 500 Mexicans in San Quentin. Investigation usually reveals that many of these social and moral bankrupts are products of our own neglect. Three young men accused of crime, here in San Fernando, on investigation were found never to have been in Mexico in their lives.

On the contrary, in addition to these giant hours of perplexity and need, think of the election of General Calles by ordered processes of a true democracy after President Obregon had completed what was doubtless the most progressive epoch in the history of Mexico. Many are the echoes of a new earth being built out in the world of more than one hundred sixty millions, constituting the *patrias* of our Latin Americans.

A new earth must include a new climate, a new topography, and a new people. The new climate is being developed by such advisory councils as those of San Fernando, Orange, Stockton, San Francisco, San Diego, and Monterey; by our Mexican young people visiting the American

churches and attending our high schools; and, not least, the showing of startling stereopticon "before-and-after" views. We now have some two thousand slides, beautifully colored, against which there is no argument.

The personal visits to the work by leading pastors and laymen; demonstrations by the Spanish American Institute, the Frances DePauw Industrial School, and Gospel teams; and the activities of not only such girls' clubs as at Pacoima and Tia Juana, but also the community activities of such ladies' missionary unions as the one at Stockton—all these are surely bringing in the sunnier clime of a better inter-racial understanding, which is a part of the new earth.

The new earth demands a new topography: The rough places must be made smooth; the high places low, and the desert to blossom as the rose. Better organization of our Mexican and other Latin churches,—such as we have now at the Los Angeles Plaza, Santa Ana, Watts, San Francisco, Oakland and Stockton,—renders rough, hard tasks increasingly possible and easy. Employment and relief, self-help, and the meeting of benevolences and self-support, as well as contact with the community, are all being smoothed out into a road of righteousness and success.

Character of people, also, has to do with the new earth. Education by schools and books, training classes, literature, and the culture from our ministerial and workers' associations and conventions are producing a new people for our new earth. C. G. Valencia even now is organizing a fine group of students for Bible training by a correspondence course. After all, evangelization and religious education have most to do with the making of a new earth. No use to smooth the rough places and change the climate, kill the flies and clean up the Croton Sheds of social and sanitary filth, unless the new earth have a people "born again," who will not return to wallow in the mire. Think of some eight thousand meetings with character contributions of over 300,000 attendances in this Mission during the past year!

There is much to be done in creating a new climate, even among godly and otherwise efficient American preachers and lay leaders, not to say more than a half, probably, of such communities as San Fernando, where every third person is a Mexican. Storm clouds of mutual ignorance, low barometer of depressing indifference and, at times, a spell of "Santa Ana" gales, not to say "chinooks" of vindictive, cyclonic and destructive climate, delay the rapid growth in certain parts of our new earth.

It all comes so slowly. Think of it! The great Y. M. C. A. conference of the twelve western states at Asilomar spent a week in intensive study of race relations and training for service, and, as far as we know, rarely if ever mentioned the Mexicans and other Latin Americans, who out-number and outclass nearly all other foreign peoples put together, as a Pacific Southwest problem,—particularly now with our new law of unrestricted immigration from over the Border. The motto at Asilomar, however, was "Jesus' Way, all the Way." Doubtless they were speaking for a quarter of a million Latin Americans, their present and future fellow-citizens and voters, when they adopted the challenge of Calvin Coolidge, in saying:

"We do not need more material development; we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power; we need more character. We do not need more law; we need more religion."

So our Mexican and Italian youth are patiently climbing, while they sing, "If Jesus goes with me, I'll go!"

Changes in Personnel

We welcome the commander-in-chief of our Border Legion, Bishop Charles Wesley Burns. Experienced from pastorates and campaigns in great cities, east and west, and by the episcopal supervision of a frontier Area which tries men's souls, he and his charming comrade, Mrs. Burns, have unusual qualifications for high leadership in this Sunset Empire. The highest tribute that can be paid to a personality in the rich Castilian-world language is the word "*simpático*." That word expresses all that Bishop and Mrs. Burns are,—loving, gently, loyal, tactful! Alert and eloquent, big-visioned, and a tireless worker, is our new Bishop. "**Bienvenida, Obispo Burns!**" and "*bienvenida*" to his "*simpática familia*," which includes two fine college sons and two rosy, blessed girlies.

We record with deep regret the death of our beloved pioneer-pastor in this Mission, Ambrosio C. Gonzales. He departed as he lived,—a fervent heroic captain of the Christ, in labors for his people. And another brow, upon his which we place the crown of high tribute for tireless labor of supreme devotion, was our new worker, Winifred Hooker, the good angel of the Oakland Portuguese Friendly Center. Both these lives burned themselves out for God. From the ground of their fields of labor there blossoms red more than a score of devoted young evangels who have taken up the labors they laid down.

We rejoice in the coming, "from the somewhere to here," of babes in the parsonage homes of Ezequías Durán and Stephen J. Domínguez.

Our limited World Service funds, health reasons, and other conditions have caused us to lose Ralph Rader, Nellie Cramer, W. E. Kirby, Mrs. Gerdes and Lucia Ibarra. On September 20th, Juanita Turner became the bride of George Root; on October 5th, Celia Flores, our deaconess, became the trained helpmeet of Alphonso Domínguez; and Teresa Rodriguez from Mexico, a flower of Mexican Methodist missions, has taken unto herself a husband from her field of labor at Stockton. They do tell us that our good angel of the Filipinos, Snow Newton, is soon going to change from Snow to Fogg; but this particular Fog has a silver lining! We wish these brides every felicity and prosperity. In fact, it appears that, instead of a loss, they are following the example of Annie Mae Lewis, who, at last conference season, brought to the work an invaluable new helper, in her fine and faithful husband, Edwin Stromberg, on the Downey-Rivera circuit.

We have felt keenly the loss of the service of Katherine B. Higgins, president of our Woman Worker's Association. Arduous labor and the lonesomeness, after her "little mother's" translation, brought a break. We gladly report a fine recovery which, however, yet demands rest and a few months of complete change.

Among the new workers whom we welcome are Dr. M. A. Rader, assistant superintendent of the Spanish American Institute, and Olive Knoch, the splendidly-trained nurse in our clinic at the Plaza Community Center. Other faithful new workers in our plants and schools will be mentioned in the respective reports. May the sensation of the entire personnel of this Mission ever continue to be a combination of a great family and a mighty phalanx, in the love and under the blessing of God.

Property and Improvements

Chapels have been built in Mexicali, Orange, Lamanda Park and San Pablo, and a parsonage at Lamanda Park. We are purchasing the Italian Friendly Center in San Francisco and the Twenty-Fourth Avenue



OAKLAND PORTUGUESE FRIENDLY CENTER

El Centro Portugués de Amistad de Oakland

Church and parsonage for the Portuguese Friendly Center in East Oakland. We have lots and pending propositions for buildings in Artesia, Mexicali and Ventura.

We notice, with delight, fine lawns and other improvements of grounds and buildings at Watts, Santa Monica, Long Beach, Anaheim, Bakersfield and San Ysidro. Very notable are the landscape improvements at the Spanish American Institute. The Owensmouth chapel, the great Plaza Community Center, and plans already under way for a parsonage for our entertaining San Fernando Mexican Church, indicate some projects to be reported upon next year. Our efficient Board of the Latin American Mission has functioned in a commanding fashion this year. It holds, in trust, properties totaling in value \$138,567.14. The various advisory councils are standing by, faithfully, in the interests of a new earth which shall include such places of worship and community service as shall be a little more like unto the new Heaven which makes the new earth,—“that City that lieth four square.”

During the past year, there have been exactly 900 conversions; 344 baptisms; 431 preparatory members received; 390 full members received; 22 deaths. Full members now on the roll, 1,248,—a net gain of 184, or 17 per cent; probationers now on the roll, 743; non-resident members, 431; 2,422 in all—a gain of 16 per cent,—not counting 120 affiliated members and 3320 adherents.

The forty-eight Sunday Schools have a membership of 3,080 members; the twenty Epworth Leagues have 571 members, and the ten Junior Leagues have 476 members—a gain of four Epworth Leagues and five Junior Leagues,—with a total gain of 181 members, or 21 per cent. There are twenty-two Ladies' Aid organizations with a membership of 340.

We have thirty-one local preachers, twenty-seven exhorters, and sixty-one class leaders; besides ninety-four volunteer Christian workers, giving largely of time and treasure.

On the thirty-one circuits, we have seventy-nine preaching places, and 105 different centers have been evangelized, ministering to 46,381 different persons.

Our eighty-three evangelistic workers, who report in detail, month by month, have achieved the above results through conducting 8,188 meetings, attending 4,189 services, and delivering 7,674 sermons and addresses. Total attendance, 298,858. The workers made 43,251 visits, traveled 213,751 miles, wrote 15,308 letters, sold and gave 3,928 Bibles and portions, and sowed 79,270 pieces of Christian literature in the form of tracts and books. And hear this! Fifty-six youthful leaders were sent to our centers of Christian culture and learning! At this point the University of Southern California, the College of the Pacific, the Spanish American Institute, the Plaza Christian Training School, the Plaza Center Children's Home, and the Frances DePauw Industrial School of the Woman's Home Missionary Society take up the writing of the wonder tale of these new candidates, this year, for racial leadership in the creating of a new earth.

Our missionaries have secured work for 874 persons, mostly heads of families in dire need; have aided 4,976 necessitous cases; have given medical attention to 3,421; and have distributed articles of food and clothing to 7,478—a total of 16,749 Good Samaritan deeds of love.

Italian Missions

Pastor Martucci, of San Francisco, says: "We Italians have a civilization old and noble. What we need is Christianity—pure, simple and dynamic." The Italian people do not realize generally the truth of this statement, but they are a vast people of superior class on this Pacific Coast, who are crying out for recognition and self-expression.

Pasquale D'Angelo, the now famous pick-and-shovel poet, began his "revelation" in "The Nation," as follows:

"One evening when I was fifteen, I found my mother crying softly but bitterly. She sighed deeply and said, 'Your father has decided to go away.' Alarmed, I cried, 'Where to?' 'To America.' Then I said, 'I go, but I will return. We will return.' Mother said, 'Children are like birds. When big, strong wings are grown, they seldom return to Mother's bough. I know.' "

Not long afterward, from starving, freezing penury, Pasquale D'Angelo was saying to the world:

"I seek no other refuge. I am a pick-and-shovel man. This letter is the cry of a soul, stranded on the shores of darkness, looking for light—a light that points out the path toward recognition, where I can work and help myself . . . Let my soul break out of its chrysalis of forced ignorance, and fly toward the flower of hope like a rich butterfly, winged with a thousand thoughts of beauty."

This soul-cry from the heart of the Italian world, "stranded on the shores of darkness, looking for light," recalls that outstanding expression from a great educational and Christian conference in South America, when a brilliant Portuguese student said, "The whole question of religion with us leaders in the Latin world is a cry out of the dark."

We have begun, in more or less definite form, a work for the Italians in six centers, three of which are really taking on strength and organization,—Los Angeles, San Francisco and Monterey. The other three points are San Pedro, Oakland and

Sonoma, with visitation in Fresno and on the Mendocino Coast. Nobody can tell, except those who are helping Christ to work His first miracle out here in the Wine Empire of the United States, what a task for God and all of us it will be to help the Italians of California to become a new earth in which the eternal Gospel and not a foreign tiara shall rule the spirits of the Italian peoples.

LOS ANGELES ITALIAN—Pastor A. B. Bruni signs himself "Your Slave of the Spirit," and reports, all considered, the best year yet. The importance of the work being done in what one Secretary of the Board of Home Missions characterized "the



A. BRUNO BRUNI
Veteran Italian Pastor

most disgraceful equipment, all considered, in all the field of the Board," is seen in the fact that Miss Florence Bruni, our valiant lady missionary, reports that the nuns are building a Catholic Center very near to our plant at 14th and Wilson streets. These sisters have frequently walked right into our services, undertaking to frighten or entice the clubs and classes into forsaking the Italian Center. During the year, one fine young Italian was won to Jesus Christ. Huguenot Bruni has a large Sunday-school class of future Italian leaders. The English class and the Saturday sewing classes are growing, and are doing excellent work.

The wife of the Superintendent had a very beautiful evidence of the efficiency and artistic taste of teacher and the Italian girls in the sewing class, in a Christmas package of several pieces of very beautiful needlework. It will be shown to myriads of admiring eyes. Pastor Bruni reports an increasingly hearty welcome everywhere and a loyalty to the Wednesday-evening prayer meeting. There are cottage prayer-meetings each week. The coming of Bishop Burt, so long resident in Rome, has already stimulated hope and new interest in our Los Angeles Italian work. It touches the heart to think of these sons of Italy in our Southland who are breasting untoward conditions of an arrogant ecclesiasticism, a hovel-like chapel to which to invite their proud people to worship, and unscrupulous agents of vice, all of whom are seeking to strangle this infant church. However, hope is growing brighter! Dozens of eager, heart-hungry Italians telephone or call for the ministry of the family of their beloved Pastor Bruni. The next step, already entered upon, is the vacating, beautifying and equipping of a little cottage at the rear, for a social center, "La Casetta Piccola."

The Los Angeles Italian circuit has forty-four members; 150 in Sunday school and sixteen adherents. World Service met in full. Total giving, \$183.

SAN FRANCISCO "CASA DEL POPOLO" AND ITALIAN FRIENDLY CENTER

—"Twenty months' effort to solve twenty centuries of ignorance and mental slavery!"—this is the germ of Pastor L. M. Martucci's report for the San Francisco Italian work. This co-operative work with the Woman's Home Missionary Society, under the Committee on Co-operation of the joint board, is maintaining a resolute front. Marie Hogue and Margaret Rankin, both of the W. H. M. S., maintain kindergarten and girls' clubs, much visitation, and a co-operation in the church services, Sunday schools and socials. Marie Hogue, the W. H. M. S. superintendent, reported a great time during the Christmas season,—three weeks in touch with 334 different sons of Italy, in all departments of Casa del Popolo. We have an Italian school and a wide range of visiting acquaintance. The twenty-seven conversions, thirty-two full members, fifteen preparatory members,



AN ITALIAN TRIO

fifty-three average attendance, and total giving of \$609 are but hints of the work being done on this circuit, which includes, also, Sonoma, Oakland, Fresno and Monterey.

The change in "Dominic" is remarkable, but the growing interest being awakened by the fine advisory council, led by President J. H. McCallum, is still more remarkable.



"CASA DEL POPOLO," SAN FRANCISCO
El Centro Italiano de Amistad de San Francisco

The \$32,000 plant being purchased is evidence to the prominent Italian colony of the good faith and firm purpose of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The American pastors are co-operating finely, including not only Doctors Alexander C. Stevens, Sherman and Bent, and those over at Monterey and Pacific Grove, but also some in Presbyterian, Christian and other churches. Tragic are the needs of a situation where, in the center of this colony of 80,000 Italians, the Roman Catholics have built for the Italians an \$800,000 church, with very fine modern equipment. The comparison between this great church, shown in "The Ten Commandments," and our wee Center is ridiculous—but not unique in history!

Recently, a young Italian girl was saved from a life of infinite sorrow, and gotten into a Christian educational center. The task is not finished in making a new earth in North Beach, but it is begun! In the end, much credit will belong to those women of God under the W. H. M. S., who have begun and for eight years have maintained the brunt of this great work, now allocated to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Here has been apprenticed for God, Edgar Zimmerman, our Sunday-school superintendent, who has heard the call and is attending the College of the Pacific.

Dr. T. A. Towner and the fine advisory council are pushing steadily upon the development, from a very weak beginning, of the Latin American Center, on beautiful and historic Monterey Bay. Nearby is one of the greatest young people's institute centers

in the country—Asilomar. Miss Mary Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Howell, Bonifacio Durán and L. M. Martucci are among the workers who have laid foundations. Mrs. Alene Oleari and other local Italians are showing fine Christian spirit and growing devotion to this part of the new world. One young man here has in his veins the blood of three governors, including Governor Bradford of Massachusetts and Governor Pico of California. This neglected youth found himself in a reformatory and immediately was elected president of the inmate body. Long and interesting have been the walks and talks and prayers with Donald Arguello.

The San Francisco Italian Circuit has two Sunday schools with sixty-three in nine classes; new members total twenty-seven; total giving \$609, with World Service met in full.

Work Among the Spaniards

Mountain View is the cradle of this work. Bonifacio Durán has faithfully toiled through the year. At last conference, he said, "Spain has conquered the world; now Jesus Christ is conquering Spain." Sunday school, Epworth League, regular preaching and mid-week services have been maintained on a salary of \$15 a month, which barely pays the pastor's rent. Monthly trips to Monterey have helped to develop the work there. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Minton continue to be generous co-operators and faithful workers. A most



SAN FRANCISCO ITALIAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL

La Escuela Dominical Italiana de San Francisco

interesting joint meeting and banquet with the Mountain View English church was arranged by Pastor R. H. Bates. A promising local preacher, José Velasco, is becoming increasingly valuable. Harry Holden of Mountain View, remarkable artist, has given us the trademark for the Mission and several illuminated Scripture texts in beautiful Spanish script. We are now planning for the social hall. The Spanish world is in the throes which portend democratic government and a new earth.

This circuit numbers forty-three members, ninety-two in Sunday school, and \$178 total giving.

Work Among the Filipinos

These ambitious Island sons of Uncle Sam for five years have been a part of our Mission. With no money for workers except Miss Newton, and unpaid voluntary workers like Mrs. M. A. Rader, Mrs. Hagerman and Mrs. Petersen, the work has been maintained without break and with increasing strength and evangelistic emphasis at the following points: San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Vallejo and Stockton. Our first work with Filipinos was in the Pasadena Mexican church. The Goodwill Industries, while a part of the Plaza Community Center, organized what is now a strong Bible class in Los Angeles. A young man in Mrs. Hagerman's home in Oakland won three successive prizes on the Pacific Coast on the subject of "Modern Lighting"—the total being \$1200. One professor in Berkeley said: "Those Filipinos are wonders. We can not keep them in secular employment. They are so ambitious that almost immediately they enter college." The Filipino work, by an understanding with the related authorities, is now being supervised by Dr. D. H. Klinefelter, the Superintendent of the Pacific Chinese Mission. Best wishes to this former resident and superintendent in the homeland of Filipinos!

Portuguese Work

OAKLAND PORTUGUESE—"Land ahead!" No more startling achievement in the year is there to compare with the great progress and development in what was formerly the Twenty-Fourth Avenue English-speaking church. Upon the foundation of our faithful pastors and woman workers, Pastor Lomba and Winifred Hooker, (and now Winifred's successor, Margaret Lobb,) have developed a real church. A strong choir, several clubs, the boys numbering twenty and the girls eighteen. Twenty-one have decided for Christ,—eighteen of them on the very stormy day when Bishop Burns dedicated the plant. These are among the splendid results of the year. They have English services at night. Pastor Lomba has traveled nearly 12,000 miles, largely on foot. A Ford is desperately needed, and also fifty ordinary and twenty-five little chairs, as well as the repair of the very fine church organ, and the improvement of the social hall. Two daughters of a former priest have been notable conversions and are now real leaders in the East Oakland church. Truly this is a new earth!

SAN PABLO PORTUGUESE—Pastor Lomba has maintained regular services and visitation at San Pablo. Mrs. Anderson of Hollywood First gave \$1,000 toward building and improving the church, in memory of her husband. The former little chapel in East Oakland was moved, rebuilt and beautified. The Oakland Portuguese circuit now has eight-four members. 112 in eleven Sunday-school classes; benevolences paid in full, and \$372 total giving.



SAN PABLO PORTUGUESE CHAPEL
La Capilla Portuguesa de San Pablo

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY PORTUGUESE—Pastor J. L. Tavares, with his fine new helpmeet, has done faithful work through another trying year. He has visited

many points, such as Berryessa, Crows Landing and Cottonwood. He had an excellent Sunday school, during most of the year, at Mountain View. The dance and persecution destroyed this fine beginning of work. Very definite plans for concentration on this field are being developed.

MENDOCINO COAST—Pastor W. E. Kirby, now at Hughson, served two years as bi-lingual



OAKLAND PORTUGUESE CONGREGATION

La Congregación Portuguesa de Oakland

pastor at Manchester and Point Arena. Visitation of practically every one of the larger number of Latin families and a survey map added to the value of very many Christlike services rendered to this scattered people in that precious field by these former missionaries from Portuguese Africa. Brother Kirby is now in a strongly Portuguese center.

Mexican Missions

ANAHEIM, PLACENTIA, RICHFIELD (ATWOOD)—Pastor Enrique Narro, our first racial pastor in this Mission, reports tireless work, three Sunday schools with an average attendance of fifty-eight; World Service all paid, and \$324 total giving. During the year, he dealt with about 600 different Mexicans, received eighteen full members and probationers, and baptized twelve.



ENRIQUE NARRO

Our First Racial Pastor

Martha Narro is helping her father nobly, especially in the Junior League of twenty-five boys and girls. Seventy-two hymnals and 3000 tracts add meaning to the 640 visits and the 8,647 attendances at the meetings. The two Ladies' Aid societies are doing excellent work. Special mention should be given to Charles Fuller of the Placentia Bible class, who generously gives and inspires the pastor. E. Soto is among the number of fine, faithful lay workers who have helped make the year successful. There is urgent need of a chapel at Richfield, and two more rooms at Anaheim.

ARTESIA—Tranquilino Gomez, with his new helpmeet, is toiling faithfully; as are also a small group of such co-operators as Mrs. Cochrane. A lot has been purchased. Our good friend, Dr. A. G. Kynett of Philadelphia, in memory of his father, a founder of our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, has made a generous memorial contribution of about \$400 toward the desperately-needed chapel. The Mexican people in that Sugar Beet Empire present extreme needs calling for the new earth.

Almost 500 different persons have been ministered unto. There have been over fifty conversions and thirteen baptisms. There are two Sunday schools with 117 members, an Epworth League of eighteen, a Junior League of twenty, and a Ladies' Aid Society of twenty-four. Total giving, \$128.

BAKERSFIELD, WEED PATCH AND ARVIN—Our artist-pastor, Benjamin Cortez, and his wife Raquel, a sweet singer in Israel, have had an arduous but successful year with sixteen baptisms, a charter for the fine Epworth League, and a good Junior



GROUP OF INTERESTED BAKERSFIELD FRIENDS

Un Grupo de Buenos Amigos de Bakersfield

League of twenty-five. Bakersfield has been hard hit by the Pentacostal movement, but others have been won to take the place of those who have gone. One mischievous effect of the Pentacostal movement seems to be to discourage self-support and the systematic giving to benevolences. Pastor Cortez has done his very best, and next year will record victory on this point as on other points. No more heroic efforts are recorded in this report than the labors at Bakersfield. Professor C. E. Teach, Pastors Engle and Barnhart, and the rest of the advisory council,—in particular, Mrs. H. C. McCune,—have stood by nobly. Most of the American churches have had the Mexican workers speak and sing for the inspiration of their churches, Sunday schools and young peoples societies. Dr. Irvin A. Engle did a unique thing recently, in having his live colts of the Epworth League visit the Chinese, Japanese, Negro and Mexican missions, and the county jail, stopping at each place to give an illuminating talk, to answer questions, to listen to a statement by those in charge, and then to have a song and prayer. The tank of bootleggers and four murderers,—three of whom were Mexicans, and one of whom was reading his Bible, and has since written asking for other literature,—contributed to send a deeply impressed company of young Americans back to their work in Trinity Church.

CALEXICO AND MEXICALI: IMPERIAL BORDER CIRCUIT—Broadway Church, Camden, New Jersey, recently sent a special messenger to visit the work of their missionaries, Pastor Luis P. Tirre and his faithful, splendid mate, Maria. Dealing with many hundreds of different Mexicans, and with three Sunday schools, having an average attendance of ninety-five, little indicates the tireless labor on both sides of the Border from the "Valley of Sorrow and Sighs," where Mother Gallindo's neat adobe chapel now stands, built by the hands of pastors Tirre and Royer, clear away to the very beautiful Governor's palace across the city, where Brother Tirre has persuaded the government to give us two splendid lots for the center already begun,—this is really bringing to pass a new earth.

Forty pupils cross the Border daily to the day school in Calexico, where Brothers Tirre and Royer and Miss Jones teach throughout the week. There is need of a splendid woman missionary for welfare and educational work and a Mexican Bible woman in these three plants.



LUIS P. TIRRE
*Faithful Border Pastor
at Calexico*

The ladies of the W. H. M. S. are interesting themselves in a co-operative program here, as we are doing in San Francisco. As we left Comrade Frank D. Stevens, the father of Dr. Frank Stevens of Fresno and of our beloved A. Bush Stevens in Pasadena, on one of our visits, we asked him to pray for the Plaza and for Mexicali. He said he would pray and also give. Three days later, Father Stevens said: "I went home and knelt by my bed. God laid the Mexicali burden of \$1500 for the Center upon me. I accept the task." Soon after this, a friend in the East, F. I. Foote, whom we have never met, was led by the same Spirit of God to send \$1000; so now the Mexicali Border Friendly Center at last is building. Aside from the Chinese Center, this is the only Protestant plant in that capital city of 12,000 in which, especially on Saturday and Sunday, hell itself is let loose. Until Governor Rodriguez closed the dives in April, an average of 12,500, Americans mostly, crossed the Border daily. Next day, one brewery turned off ten men.



"MOTHER GALLINDO'S" ADOBE BORDER CHAPEL

La Capilla Adobe de Mexicali

The recent governmental subdivision of 5,000 acres, in parcels of twenty acres each, drew thousands of Mexicans; two-thirds of whom, of course, got no land, and are now stranded, with no work and no food, in Mexicali. Here is one of the finest missionary opportunities on the American continent.

FILLMORE AND PIRU—This beautiful new church, convenient for community services and architecturally attractive, has become one of the strong churches in the Mission. The young pastor, Juan Palacios, a student in the Plaza Christian Training School, has developed a quality, as well as a quantity, of work very pleasing to the faithful advisory council, led by Mrs. Geo. N. King.

There have been fifteen conversions, twenty baptisms, eleven full members and fifteen preparatory members received. Some 1,500 have been ministered to. There are good Epworth and Junior Leagues. It was a giant hour for the Superintendent, during a recent Quarterly Conference, when the call was made for decisions for God, to have nine faithful adults and a dear little girl come to the altar.

FULLERTON—Leandro Lopez, another very promising student of the Plaza Christian Training School, is pastor at Fullerton, a former outpost of Anaheim. With no church,—except the kindly proffered Social Hall of the “Big Brothers” in the English Church, led by the pastors C. R. Montague and W. T. Wright,—good success



MEXICAN GROUP AT FULLERTON

Grupo Mexicano de Fullerton

has been registered. Fourteen conversions, sixteen full and preparatory members received; over 500 different persons touched; an average attendance of thirty-eight in Sunday school; a fine Epworth League; benevolences all paid,—these indicate something of this field in the new earth which Dr. H. H. Hocker, now of the San Fernando First Methodist Church, was originally instrumental in starting. Dr. Hocker has shown affectionate, efficient loyalty wherever he has served in this Southland, whose former possessors, the Mexicans, constitute for him a responsibility and an opportunity. He has the vision!

GLENDORA—A small colony, but a needy one, has been provided with a social hall and nearby parsonage, given by the local community, under the leadership of our local advisory board. The veteran missionary, Dr. J. R. Wood, has done very faithful work here during the past two years. This year there have been six conversions. Over one hundred different persons have been touched; benevolences are all paid, and a church duly organized.

We regret that Dr. Wood finds it impossible to continue a work which will blossom out as his former, faithfully-served charge at Fillmore has done. As a member of the faculty of the Plaza “School of the Prophets,” he may have the privilege of being the spiritual father of the prophets later on, at Glendora, just as is the case with Juan Palacios, one of his students, now at Fillmore.

LAMANDA PARK—Carlos L. Andueza, a student in the University of Southern California, who has all the documentary credentials which Martin Luther had as an Augustinian monk, is pastor of this circuit, which is one in the spotlight this year. A. Bush Stevens and his father, Frank D. Stevens, have built a house of worship for the Mexicans; so that the Mexicans say of them, “They love our nation; for they have builded us a temple.” It is one of the most convenient, attractive, and altogether appropriate plants in the entire Latin American Mission. Beside the very finely-appointed institutional-church plant stands a beautiful stucco parsonage. With a fire-place in each unit, and selected pictures and other adornments on the walls, the Mexican Friendly Center of Fremont Park is decidedly a part of the new earth. It is a sister plant to the Pasadena Mexican Church, which Bush Stevens also designed. It is God-given, because the \$10,000 invested, to put with \$2850 from the funds of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was unsolicited. Likewise, the constant personal supervision given by dear “Big Brother” Bush Stevens; and even the pastor who came to us from far-away Spain, via the Philippines, was led by the hand of God alone.

There have been fourteen conversions this year, and now there is an organized church with an Epworth League and Mothers' meetings, and benevolences paid in full. Another reason why Lamanda Park should appeal to our hearts, is because it is the product primarily of our veteran pastor, Ambrosio C. Gonzales, who departed this life during the year. We think of him as a hero of God!

One of the most beautiful and significant things, this past Mission year, is the fact that Mrs. Gonzales, his widow and the sister of Benito Garcia of Santa Ana, is bravely and efficiently taking up the labors as a woman missionary here, while mothering her very talented Ruth and Alonzo, both of whom are star students in the Pasadena schools.

Mrs. Gonzales tells of one young man led to Christ by Pedro Robles and another young man whom her sainted husband and the Superintendent aided during his term at San Quentin. These young men are now pillars in this church, the latter being the Epworth League secretary.



FREMONT PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

La Capilla Memorial de Fremont Park

These young men refused to give up until they had arranged to bring the thirteen orphan children from our Plaza Community Center Children's Home at Sierra Madre, over to this Lamanda Park Friendly Center. This community used to be known as "Titleyville"—sort of a little Tia Juana, as it were, in the outskirts of Pasadena. It has become a new earth with a new name,—Fremont Park.

LONG BEACH—Emilio Hernández, the pastor, and Maria Mendoza, the missionary, with the aid of several fine volunteers have achieved a splendid year. Fifty-three conversions, ten baptisms, Epworth League, Junior League, an average attendance of forty-five in Sunday school, and all benevolences paid, show real work.

Maria Mendoza has a Sunday-school class of thirty fine children. Two of her scholars are genuine missionaries who are suffering persecution in their homes. Few American girls ever evince the gleam of the heroic life of Joan of Arc and Florence Nightingale, as do these Mexican girls in their teens. One of the outstanding things is the work of the pastor's wife, Fausta Hernández, who has a Ladies' Aid of twenty-five, the members of which have raised \$100 for the church, given eleven hundred pieces of clothing, and are providing the pastor a dollar a month for the auto. They sing hymns and are hungry for the Word of God to be read to them each sewing-class hour.

Former bitter detractors of the mission are now friends, and some of them are now members of the church. The giving of a tract to a critical unbeliever led to his

sending the word, "Come and visit us." He is now sending his children to the services, and he himself is seeking Christ.

No more significant labor has been done by the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Long Beach, than the giving, led by Mrs. Amos, of the new Ford car to the pastor. Mrs. Pefley, Mrs. Dodge, and our ever-faithful Jared Johnson, are among the growing number of valued friends.

The West Side Mission has had a good year. Here Brother Johnson and missionary Maria labored efficiently.

MESA, ARIZONA—The circlet of growing towns, like a crown of the valley, forms the Mexican circuit of the Salt River Valley, centering in Mesa, where Alma Blew is showing herself, under God, a truly miracle woman. She has conducted services and funerals; has ministered to some two hundred forty different persons, and has organized



GROUP AT MESA, ARIZONA

Un Grupo en Mesa, Arizona

a church by the aid of visits made by Pastors Sanchez, Tirre, Valencia, Domínguez and Hernández, for whose trips our Bishop has kindly secured passes. Miss Blew lives a double life of Christ-like character. She is the leader of a fine group of young women of good upper-class families and beautiful talents,—high-class girls of splendid character, many of whom are Mormon girls in this town which is half Mormon,—and at the same time, she is ministering to a very large community of poor, ignorant children and parents, and interesting her noble, upper-class girls in going "out from their ivory palaces" to minister in these homes of tremendous needs.

They have presented a Queen Esther drama in the English churches at Mesa, Gilbert and Tempe, with visits to Chandler.

Mrs. O'Neal is a valuable volunteer worker. Wicked boys are her special care. There have been twenty conversions. The average attendance in Sunday school is thirty. Forty-five people have been helped to better health.

One of the most humorous things of the year was when one of the worshippers—one of those poor mothers—was talking with Miss Blew. The missionary said, "No más licores." The startled old

"Mamacita" understood Miss Blew to say, "no más frijoles." Miss Blew was telling her, "no more liquor," and the old lady, accustomed to "tortillas" and "frijoles," understood Miss Blew to say, "No more beans!"



"QUEEN ESTHER" CAST

La Tendencia de la "Reina Estér"



SERVICEABLE ORANGE MEXICAN FRIENDLY CENTER
El Centro Mexicano de Amistad de Orange

ORANGE AND EL MODENA—Richard and Jesusita Schade continue their victories. The new church at Orange, for which the cornerstone was laid during our Mission session, a year ago, is a gem! The dedication was a great day. Several excellent workers are being trained. The five different points evangelized, with 500 different persons reached, sixty conversions, fourteen new members and 101 in the two Sunday schools, benevolences all in, and a total giving of \$299, constitute achievements which gladden the heart. Pedro Robles of this circuit takes an appointment this year.

Dr. C. B. Dalton, Henry Terry and the Men's Community Bible Class, who made possible the beautiful temple on the lot given by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lewis, are all showing a real spirit of Christian co-operation.

PASADENA—Antonio Jiménez and Rena Cathcart are a team. First Church and others have generously co-operated. Results show 184 in Sunday school, and the Epworth League has registered over one hundred. "Tony" Sein is an irresistible leader. There have been 10,650 attendances at 261 meetings, with 382 visits and \$700 given, and benevolences all in. There is a girls' club of thirty. To Miss Cathcart belongs much credit for the eighteen girls in a Sunday-school class of twenty-five, who have found Christ and joined the church.



ANTONIO JIMENEZ
 Pastor at Pasadena

The pastor took a vacation five years ago in the extreme lower West Coast of Mexico. He then led four score souls to Christ. That Sunday school still lives. He sends supplies and good advice, and has received reports which touch the heart. The "Marrying Parson" has had his thirteenth wedding in Pasadena—Eliseo Regalado, his Sunday-school superintendent, being the groom on this occasion.

RIVERA AND DOWNEY—Steady services by Pastor Gavino Garcia have kept the work going on this circuit in the Orange Empire, with 6,246 attendances in the 205 meetings, and an average attendance of sixty-eight in the two Sunday schools. A boys' club, an Epworth League and a Junior League have been departments of the work. There is a cradle roll of twenty-one. Six have been received by letter. Whittier and many friends surrounding, especially in Downey, are faithfully helping,—particularly Mrs. Anna Jewell and Annie Mae Lewis Stromberg.

SACRAMENTO "AMERICAN CENTER"—This great work merits large space. Ralph Rader and Retta Parrott have faithfully labored and have assisted the pastor, S. J. Domínguez. Among the special features have been great street meetings with as many as two hundred present. At one service there were over one hundred at the Center when the District Superintendent, Dr. Frank L. Baker, preached. There have been forty-two conversions, two baptisms and 13,043 different people visited. The Leagues, Sunday school and Ladies' Aid have functioned well in this great hard task, so powerfully influencing things in the making of a new earth in our capital city. Brother Ralph Rader, who has divided his time with an English charge, during the year, has severed his relation with the Latin American Mission. He has put the American Center on the map of all Methodism!

SANTA ANA—This is one of the charges which is a joy to our hearts. A steady, permanent organized work is developing with all of the departments of a modern church. The pastor, Benito E. Garcia, and his wife are of the class which Bishop Hughes once declared would register a rising tide the moment they arrived. In this work, our very efficient Alice Davidson and many volunteer workers have given splendid service. Fourteen people have been sent away to school, which is a quarter of all who, this year, have been started climbing the Hill of Training for life service in the new world. The World Service was raised without agony. There have been five weddings and 500 different persons reached. The Leagues total seventy members; the main Sunday school has seventy-eight with a Cradle Roll of twenty-three. There are seventy-nine members, including preparatory and non-resident members, on the church roll. A new institutional church is desperately needed in this great county seat.

SANTA MONICA—At the great Methodist place of vision, the Palisades, is a brand-new pastor. Alphonso Domínguez married Celia Flores, a splendid product of the San Francisco National Training School; and the work conducted by them, succeeding Carlos Andueza, continues the rising tide. The World Service is all in. Prospects are promising. The Leagues have sixty-one enrolled with forty-eight average attendances, and seventeen in the Ladies' Aid.

SANTA PAULA—This very difficult field has been served by Alfonso Sanchez, the head of our Epworth League work for the Mission. He has visited twenty charges.



ALFONSO SANCHEZ
Santa Paula Pastor

In his own charge, his motto seems to be, "At least one soul a week, and all set to work for the Master." He has issued a paper in Spanish, upon one issue of which a beautiful colored frontispiece of a modern Christmas was very attractive. In a special service in the Brotherly Church of the city, 250 Mexicans were present. There have been forty conversions, nine baptisms, and 15,756 attendances in the 455 meetings. Twenty-five different points have been visited. This charge has produced Cristóbal Valencia, Alphonso Domínguez, Celia Flores and S. J. Domínguez.

SAN FERNANDO, PACOIMA, BURBANK—Our pastor-host, J. C. Nava, stalwart leader, has had a year to try the soul. This meeting is a crown upon his brow, as it is upon the brow of Dr. H. H. Hocker of the American church and the splendid local advisory council. Seven points have been served, including also Sylmar, Chatsworth, Sunland and Tujunga. Average attendance in the two Sunday

schools is seventy-five. There are seven splendid volunteer workers, Marshall O. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bowlus, Mrs. Clemens, Mrs. D. E. Lewis, and Miss Ruth Overton. Some great occasions have been had during the year, coming in touch with over 1600 Mexicans in San Fernando. They have been forty decisions for God, and nine baptisms. Foundations are being laid for the new parsonage. Blessings on the heroic pastor of this San Fernando church!



STOCKTON EPWORTH LEAGUE CABINET
El Gabinete de la Liga Epworth de Stockton

STOCKTON LATIN AMERICAN—The spirit, orderliness, and marvelous sacrifice of the Stockton Latin American Center are perhaps the most outstanding in all the Mission. C. G. Valencia, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Petersen and a wealth of friends in the College of the Pacific, the Ladies' Missionary Union of all the churches in the city, and the growing host of friends are pushing this work. It has already swarmed off into the Filipino Fellowship and a new Mexican mission, now being organized at Tracy. Sixty-four have been led to Christ. The average number at the preaching service and prayer meeting is above ninety, and the attendance at Sunday school averages sixty. Dr. A. C. Bane says, "That Mexican mission is the greatest piece of Christian work in the history of Stockton. . . It's just what our English-speaking churches need, and we should be doing."

SELMA CIRCUIT—L. C. Flores reports fourteen conversions, five baptisms and nineteen full and preparatory members received, with several hundred different persons to whom he has ministered. The average attendance in Sunday school has been forty; in Leagues, twenty-eight. There is a fine piece of Americanization work being done by Mrs. Rogers. Dr. H. B. Sellers, the American pastor, has been kindly helpful. There have been 12,158 attendances at the various meetings, classes and clubs.

TIA JUANA-SAN YSIDRO BORDER CIRCUIT—Kathryn S. Cramp has been our mainstay and missionary in this "hell on earth." L. P. Tirre and the Superintendent have aided as much as possible; but to Mrs. Cramp belongs the credit of twenty children baptized, seventeen full members received, two Sunday schools, an Epworth League and a Junior League with charters, and 2,859 attendances at English classes. There is a young people's club of twenty-one. The Tia Juana "Tatler" says:

"Mrs. Kathryn Cramp conducts a Mexican Methodist mission in both Tia Juana and San Ysidro. Her classes for children and adults in English, in Bible study, and domestic science are exceptionally well attended. Our slogan is 'Watch us grow.'"

First Church, San Diego, led by Drs. Lincoln A. Ferris and Frank Linder, the assistant pastor, Carl Seitter, and the advisory council have shown remarkable loyalty and are laying plans for securing property on both sides of the Border.

VAN NUYS AND OWENSMOUTH—Ezequías Durán, partly supporting himself by the work of his hands, has had twelve conversions, six baptisms, and an average attendance of sixty-two at services at the three points. High tribute should be paid to the advisory council and this heroic son of Old Spain, who, with his devoted Mexican wife, is opening up a new piece of work.

WATTS AND COMPTON—Francisco O. Quintanilla and his wife have developed another really wonderful piece of work. There were fifty conversions, eighteen baptisms, and thirty-five persons received, this past year; the average attendance in Sunday school is ninety-one; the benevolences have been paid in full, and a Methodist Brotherhood of fourteen has been organized. Poverty, Pentacostal emissaries, and papal persecution have made things hard for this former lieutenant under the bandit chieftain "Pancho" Villa; but every wind has driven him toward higher success.

WESTMINSTER CIRCUIT—Celso Esparza, the pastor, ministers at six points, with an average attendance of forty-eight in his three Sunday schools, and 11,800 attendances in his services. This lay worker is another man of God. J. Scott Willmarth, at Wintersburg, has been a spiritual father in holding this work in days of limited means. Meanwhile, Brother Willmarth has taught in the Plaza Christian Training School; has been bookkeeper and auditor for the Mission, and has steadily built up a practically-abandoned American church into a really strong work, with a new social hall, monthly banquets, a Sunday school of 130, a fine boys' work, and World Service paid in full. J. Scott Willmarth has shown the possibilities of the bilingual pastorate!

GREATER PLAZA COMMUNITY CENTER

—to rise on Plaza site.



THE PLAZA COMMUNITY CENTER, of course, is the heart of our Latin American Mission, and upon it our hearts are centered. The Superintendent and Dr.



E. M. SEIN, D.D.
*Veteran Plaza Pastor
and Mexican Leader*

E. M. Sein, the pastor, will render their reports. A marvelous unfolding of faithful labors is reported by the multiplied and multiplying activities of this Christian center, to which 26,000 visits and contacts with Christ have been made during the past year. The enterprise needs the church building most of all; after that, some maintenance and an assistant pastor to help Dr. Sein. Report will be given of the Plaza Children's Home, which is the first Protestant orphanage for Latin children in the Southwest, and of the "School of the Prophets," the Plaza Christian Training School, where our fine young preachers are becoming finer. In the hearts of these young men a vision, not only of a new earth, but of new quick methods of producing that new earth, is being born under the direction of our great Superintendent, Dr. W. T. Gilliland, and his faculty staff.

Our Schools

THE SPANISH AMERICAN INSTITUTE AND THE FRANCES DEPAUW INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (W. H. M. S.)—We rejoice for another splendid year in both institutions, which now have nearly a quarter of a thousand of Mexican youth enrolled.

The Spanish American Institute is becoming one of the outstanding Christian schools for Mexican youth. With agricultural training, printing, woodwork and iron work departments, a commercial department, and with modern and standard curriculum up into the high school, it has become, under the successive superintendency of John Howe, A. Ray Moore and Charles A. Robinson, a remarkable success. Dr. M. A. Rader is now bringing to the enterprise, at least temporarily, the benefit of his years of splendid experience in theological and institutional work in the Philippine Islands. The grounds are in fine shape. The band was an outstanding feature in the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena. The Glee Club and Lincoln Day contests were better than ever. Who can ever pay sufficient credit to Mr. Frank S. Wallace, Dr. Chas. D. Lewis and, now, the new president, Dr. Walter C. Buckner, as well as to the faithful Board, who have seen striking tokens of the new earth for the Mexican people, down on the twenty acres at Gardena.



LINCOLN DAY MEDAL WINNERS
at the Spanish American Institute

We note, with deep sorrow, the sudden death of queenly Mrs. Wallace, the enthusiastic, wise and generous co-operator with Brother Wallace. During the fifteen years of investment of treasure, very rare talents and much time in the Spanish American Institute enterprise, Mrs. Wallace has constantly and personally given, labored and planned with her devoted husband, who was president of the board for about ten years. Our sympathy goes out to our "Past Grand" in his deep sorrow.

The evening spent with the 120 beautiful young ladies who are being unfolded, like roses in the desert, by Jennie L. Mathias and her faculty and the W. H. M. S. officers and board, was "*involvidable*" (unforgettable). The fine new building and finer culture of fingers, eyes, minds and spirits of those future home-keepers and "rockers of the cradle," that will rule the new Mexican world, is doubly significant—now that we have the Spanish American Institute to raise up good husbands for these good girls. They are having joint socials and athletic meets. Cupid is already on the job. The gladdest aspect of this whole situation is when we see, or shall see, those scores of future leaders in their place at the Plaza Community Center, belting up for service for their own folks. A true "Big Sister," Miss Chalmers, has given an ample supply of new Sunday-school hymnals for the girls of Frances DePauw.



"QUEENIE"—PURE MEXICAN DIAMOND

Labors of the Superintendent

Besides the care of all the churches, many tasks fall to the lot of the Superintendent—more this year than ever before. Special trips have been demanded by the eleven building projects and nearly an equal number definitely proposed. Efforts at interdenominational comity required over 4,000 miles of travel, covering just one situation—the North Beach in San Francisco. The Filipino work with no pastor, a growing range of detached groups, and labors in correspondence and personal attention have been included in the day's work. We found three Argentines at the Island outpost of Pastor M. S. McGee's Lemoore Circuit. During the year, we have succeeded in arranging group insurance for our workers, the beneficiaries of two of whom have received \$500 each, though the premiums paid amounted to less than \$5.00.

The World Service campaign work in particular has taken the limit of nerve, and more must follow. Epworth League Institutes and General Conference are large opportunities looking toward permanence and a new earth of better inter-racial understanding. We have taught in twenty-one Institutes in the last fourteen years.

Three special tasks this year have been the making of arrangements for bilingual literature, a hymnal and a periodical; the Superintendent being the chairman of the committee having charge of these matters for all co-operating denominations.

The assembling and preparation of the new Probationer's Manual in Spanish, for all the New World, was another task in which our Doctor Sein and the great Dr. C. W. Drees collaborated.

The new mission-study book for all denominations, entitled "From Over the Border," will soon be off press.

Gladly do we all toil, pray, give, love. Our vision is vivid and reaches far. Esther and Coe Wellman and Herbert Sein are now toiling in the heart of Mexico. Esther is editor of "Mexico," the Methodist magazine of the Republic, and she and her husband have charge of the Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools of all Mexico. A few suns ago, our Esther was writing the Home Missionary vision true. It has led her far. She wrote:

*"America, we cry to thee
From foreign lands afar"—*
"Yes, stranger, come; we welcome thee;
The gate now stands ajar."

*"America, we come to you;
Will you take a stranger in?"—*
"Yes, lonely one; our Savior taught,
To forbid would be a sin."

*"America, we come to you,
To seek a place to live"—*
"Yes, stranger, come; we'll give to you
The best that we can give."

*"America, we're lost in the dark!
Can you save us ere we fall?"—*
"Yes, follow, my child, this primrose path
Where the hyacinth-light leads all."

*"America, our toil-worn hands,
Are bleeding as a slave's"—*
"Yes, come, my child, I care for thee;
And so does Christ, who saves!"

*"America, we come to thee;
We hunger and we thirst!"—*
"Yes, hungry one, to you we give
The joy of eating first."

*"America, we're naked and sick!
Can you show us where to go?"—*
"We'll bind thy wounds with a Savior's love,—
The One who loved us so."

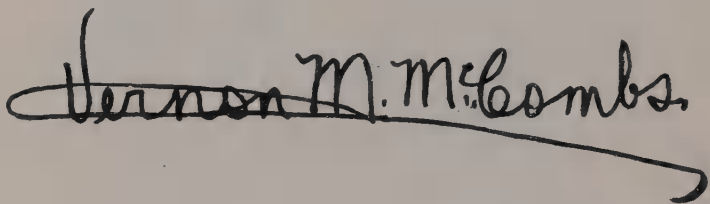
*"America, we come to you;
We seek what you can give"—*
"Yes, come and kneel before the Cross,
And 'neath its shadow live."

If this century is to transform a world neighborhood into a Christian world brotherhood, it means that the Latin American Mission in this San Francisco Area is to become a Christian brotherhood. Our contacts

are close and complicated. Our Latin contacts are superimposed as nowhere else in the world. This is the **real** thing. Will it be the **right** thing? There are brotherhoods formed to propagate bootlegging, the tobacco trust, prize fights and gambling, and other disintegrating and destructive propagandas. Shall we **integrate for God**? "Let us fight for our brethren, for our sons and our daughters, our wives and our homes." (Neh. 4:14)

In the International House in New York, where Latin boys and girls, who go East to school, find a congenial home, there hangs this challenge with the title, "That Brotherhood May Prevail:"—

"The crest and crowning of all good, life's final star is brotherhood;
For it will bring again to Earth her long-lost Poesy and Mirth;
Will send new light on every face, a kindly Power upon the race.
And till it come, we men are slaves, and travel downward to dust of graves.
Come, clear the way, then, clear the way; blind creeds and kings have had
their day.
Break the dead branches from the path; our hope is in the aftermath.
Our hope is in heroic men, star-led to build the world again.
To this event the ages ran; make way for Brotherhood—make way for man."

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vernon M. McCombs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Superintendent

(b) Superintendent of the Plaza Community Center

THE PAST YEAR has been one of peculiar difficulty at the Plaza Community Center. Soon after the Mission session, a year ago, Miss Katherine B. Higgins was ordered by her physician to take a rest. Developments proved her physical condition more serious than first suspected, and she is still on furlough, and planning to take a trip to see friends and relatives in the East, this coming summer. As soon as she is able to return, a place will be waiting for her at the Plaza. We are glad to report that her health is greatly improved, and we hope that recuperation may be complete.

Miss Blanche R. Randall, our clinic assistant, was compelled to be absent for about three months on account of ill health, but is now back at the task and very happy in her work. Her enforced absence necessitated our securing a clinic nurse. Miss Olive A. Knoch, a graduate nurse and alumna of U. S. C., answered the missionary call, and has made us all glad by the devotion and efficiency shown in the work that she has taken up. The clinic is fortunate indeed in having secured her for the Plaza staff.

Due to the terrible fire at Playa del Rey, in which twenty-three children were burned to death, State and County authorities instituted a most rigid inspection of all children's homes, particularly with reference to fire-hazard. Our Home fell under the ban, and we were compelled to seek new quarters. To find a place which would meet all requirements, where we would be wanted, and where we could meet the rental, required a goodly portion of the Superintendent's time during five weeks, in conjunction with a dozen or more realtors.

The proposed joint campaign with the Church of All Nations was postponed, on account of the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund with which it was thought that our campaign would interfere. However, the matter was followed up with the Commission on Finance at our Annual Conference, where Bishop Burns also concurred in the idea that our turn should come next. Two weeks ago, this Commission definitely voted us the priority of claim, tentatively fixing next November as the time for the Conference-wide appeal for \$300,000, to build and equip both institutions. Plans are already under way for the organization of the joint campaign.

Since our last report, we have raised the \$10,000 which was required to secure the local loan of \$35,000, needed to finance the building of the church unit of our new Center. After all was done, and a local bank had granted our application for the above amount, insuring the commencement of building operations, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension could not see its way clear to let us have the \$40,626.75, already appropriated for our project, and so our hands are tied for the time being. To say that the situation is disheartening, is to put it very mildly. The day might yet be saved for this great missionary enterprise, if some consecrated layman of means could come forward with a gift of \$10,000, making possible immediate erection of the structural steel lying in the yards of the Baker Iron Works, and on which we have already paid \$29,810. It is God's cause; we feel sure that He will provide a way, somehow! Let us have your prayers and your continued confidence in us.

The work at the Plaza has moved along about as usual, despite our miserable quarters and inadequate facilities. It has been reorganized, and will be producing larger and more lasting results through the new systems installed and the assignment of definite tasks to each of the workers.

F. Ray Risdon, well known to all friends of the Latin American Mission, has become a full-time member of the Plaza staff, as legal welfare advisor and secretary. Our legal department is expanding and affords a great opportunity for Christian service. We greatly need an additional worker to assist in this exacting task, which is now overtaking the strength of Miss Lila B. MacDowell, our general aid secretary, who has been trying to carry this along with the other burdens in her department. Here again, funds are lacking for the maintenance of such help. We must have more friends contributing to the support of this work.

Children's Home

The Children's Home is now located at 247 North Baldwin Avenue, Sierra Madre, where thirteen little folk (six boys and seven girls) are now being given Christian care, training, and affection. Miss Carrie Root, Mrs. M. Wortman and Miss Jessie Wortman are the ones who are giving their time and hearty effort to making this Home what it was meant to be. Our moving cost us considerable, because we had to build a boys' dormitory, which cost us approximately \$1,500, and for which we had to go in debt.

Here we desire to speak a word of high praise for the Advisory Board of our Children's Home, which has taken its interests so much to heart, and gives so enthusiastically of individual time, effort, and means, to provide for maintaining this Christian Home. The members of this Board are seeking to make this place one where future Christian leadership shall be furnished for work among the Mexicans, in this and in their own country. To this end, the Board has more clearly defined the object of the Home, and has assumed responsibility for achieving its purpose, as outlined in the following amendments to its constitution:

Amending Article 2 of the Constitution, to read as follows:

OBJECT: The purpose and constant objective of this institution shall be to provide Christian care and moral, religious and elementary secular education for orphans, half orphans, and other deserving children of Mexican or other Latin American parentage, to the end that the children reared and trained in this Home shall become Christian leaders and workers among their own people.

Amending Article 7 of the Constitution, to read as follows:

ADMISSIONS: Section 1: This institution shall receive, to the limit of its capacity, Mexican or other Latin American children, between the ages of three and ten years, who shall have been given and shall have passed a satisfactory physical examination and mental test, and concerning whom a careful investigation shall have been made and a favorable report rendered by the case worker of the Plaza Community Center for the consideration of the Committee on Admissions when passing upon the applications submitted for the admission of such children into the Home.

Section 2: In the consideration of applications for the admission of children, the Committee on Admissions shall give preference to those children whose antecedents are Protestant, or whose parents, or guardians, shall have subscribed to their willingness to have their children receive instruction in the evangelical Christian faith and to be trained for service among their own people. To this end, the parent or guardian of each child seeking admission into the Home shall be required to agree, in writing, that the child, if admitted, will be left in the Home until such child shall have reached the age of fourteen years, unless, for good and sufficient reasons, the Home should voluntarily relinquish its claim upon such child and should voluntarily dismiss such child from the Home.



MOTHERING MEXICAN ORPHANS

at our PLAZA CHILDREN'S HOME

Section 3: Any Protestant church or denomination other than the Methodist Episcopal Church, seeking to have worthy Mexican or other Latin American children admitted into the Home, shall be required to agree, in writing, to be responsible for the full support of such children while the children are in the Home.

Section 4: The language pastor of the church in the community from which children come seeking admission into the Home shall be consulted regarding the admission of such children, and his recommendation shall be taken into consideration by the Committee on Admissions before final action is taken respecting their applications.

Respecting the admission and dismissal of children, the Board has adopted a Code of Rules, among which are the following:

Rule 3: No child shall be considered a member of the Home until finally accepted at the end of a probationary period of three (3) months from the date of its entering the Home. At the end of this probationary period, the Manager of the Home shall make a report upon the child, adding her own written recommendation regarding the case, for the consideration of the Committee on Admissions. If, during the probationary period, it is not deemed advisable to accept the child, such non-acceptance shall not be deemed to be a dismissal or an expulsion of the child.

Rule 4: The Advisory Board reserves the right to dismiss any child from the Home, at any time, for causes deemed sufficient for such dismissal by the Committee on Admissions.

Rule 5: No child shall be taken from the Home, for any purpose, unless the child be accompanied by someone appointed by the management of the Home.

Rule 6: Any child taken from the Home, contrary to the foregoing rule, shall forfeit its membership in the Home.

We hope that our pastors will keep these provisions and rules in mind, when recommending children for the Home, and may thus avoid possible confusion and embarrassment.



PLAZA CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

FACULTY SEATED (*reading from left to right*): J. Scott Willmarth, W. T. Gilliland, dean; J. R. Wood, E. M. Scin.

Christian Training School

One of our most constructive pieces of work, and affording greatest possibilities for lasting good to our Mexican people, is our Christian Training School, where, under teachers who speak Spanish, there is instruction given in evangelical Christian doctrine and practice.

We are laboring under great difficulties in making possible the attendance of those who should be availing themselves of this particular opportunity for preparation for Christian service. To make attendance easier, the sessions have been crowded into two days,—Mondays and Tuesdays,—making possible the use of the remainder of the week for pastoral or other work. The course covers two years, and, when completed, gives the student credit for an equivalent to three years of the regular Conference course of study. Seven of our Mexican pastors, besides two other young men, are in attendance this year.

We are thankful that we have available as teachers, outside of the regular Plaza staff, such men as Dr. J. R. Wood and Brother J. Scott Willmarth, who have had experience as missionaries and teachers, and who are imbued with a strong evangelistic, Christian spirit.

Our chief aim and highest purpose, in all that is done at the Plaza Community Center, is to win souls to Christ, and to save their lives to His service. Consequently, we continually emphasize the work and worth of our Church at the Plaza, where Dr. E. M. Sein so efficiently presides in the organizing of the forces and in the obtaining of results. He will report on this phase of the work, as pastor of the Plaza Mexican Methodist Episcopal Church.

There was a change made necessary in our staff, by the marriage of Miss Juanita Turner to Mr. Geo. E. Root. Juanita, with her quick, cheery and affectionate manner, was peculiarly equipped to work among children and young people. She and her husband are now doing valiant service for God and the Mexicans in Laton, on the Fresno district of the Southern California Conference. Her sister, Miss Dorcas Turner, has been selected to take Juanita's place; and her characteristic steadiness, fidelity and good judgment are proving that no mistake was made in the selection.

Like a gentle rain, bringing blessing and refreshment wherever it falls, so is the kindly and unobtrusive service rendered by Mrs. Elizabeth K. Vincent, as visitor, interpreter and teacher. In a difficult place, requiring versatility, endurance and patience, Miss Elinor Mitchell, our dependable and indefatigable office secretary, fills the bill in a remarkable fashion. We would record, also, our appreciation of Mrs. Harriett L. R. Grove, who serves as a part-time worker with heartiness and true missionary spirit. Again, we would express with sincere gratitude the fact that nowhere else have we found so harmonious and unanimous a group of workers as those who comprise our Plaza staff.

More and more it is borne in upon us, by material, temporal, social, political, industrial, religious, moral, and spiritual circumstances, that Methodism has, at the Plaza Community Center, an almost unparalleled opportunity to build the kingdom of God in a way that shall have international significance. May Methodism not fail God in this matter for lack of vision and consecration! Pray, brethren, pray!

"Be strong!
We are not here to dream—to drift!
There is hard work to do, and loads to lift!
Shun not the struggle! Face it—'tis God's gift!
Be strong!"

W. T. GILLILAND, *Superintendent*

(c) Superintendent of the Spanish American Institute

WE are glad to report the following evidence of progress at the Spanish American Institute since the last previous session of the Mission.

The past year has witnessed two new ventures successfully completed, which have broadened our field of usefulness and have enlarged our circle of friends.

In June we entertained the Mexican Interdenominational Convention of Young Peoples' Societies and Sunday Schools, which was attended by over five hundred delegates and visitors. This was done without cost to us, since a registration fee of \$2.00 for three and one-half days met the actual cost of food and laundry, but there was a great deal of extra work for our entire organization. Those students and members of our faculty, who managed the work in the kitchen and dining room, made this venture possible and are deserving of far more appreciation than we can ever convey. It may not be possible to have this convention here again soon, but we know we rendered a real service to the cause of Protestant Christianity among the Latin American people and we rejoice in our share in it. Mexican workers and friends from many communities visited the Institute for the first time and carried home a realization of its purpose and work.

During the months of July and August we conducted a summer session of eight weeks, which helped several students to gain a grade and made it possible to carry through the industrial work of the school without a serious summer slump. An increased tuition was charged for the summer session (\$25 a month, instead of \$10 as during the year); and enough students were accepted to meet the extra expense of the work. We hope it will be possible to repeat this venture the coming summer.

The past year is not the first time we have had a band, but it is the first time we have had a band sufficiently well trained to enter the Rose Tournament New Year's parade!

Since the completion of Mitchell Hall, the lower floor of Hamline Hall has not been used for dormitory purposes because of its unsatisfactory arrangement and very poor lighting. Mrs. Keck's gift in September made it possible for this to be transformed into one of our lightest, brightest and most modern dormitories. This has made possible an increased enrollment. At the time of writing, we have 105 students—and the joy of this increase has come as a fitting climax to a year of broader service. .

From many workers we are receiving valuable assistance in the selection of suitable students, and we hope this practical co-operation may continually increase.

May God help us to be a blessing to the Mexican friends in America and Mexico.

CHARLES A. ROBINSON, *Superintendent*

(d) Mission Committees

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCES

The transition from the Centenary to the World Service has been made in the Latin American Mission without any diminution of interest in the world-wide work of the church. On the contrary, there has been a growing feeling that the Latin American charges ought to assume a larger quota of self-support in order to relieve, to that extent, the treasury of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for work in still more needy fields. To this end, each charge in the Mission was assigned a definite amount to be raised for self-support; and in most cases there has been an earnest effort to raise this quota.

We would urge the adoption of the suggestion of the World Service Commission that each charge in the Latin American Mission attempt to make its gifts to benevolences for the coming year an increase over the amount given this year. If the world is to be evangelized in our generation, or in any other generation, it will not be done by giving the same amount each year to the carrying out of that great program, but rather by a gradual yet certain advance each year.

We would recommend the use of the weekly duplex envelopes in an increasing number of the charges, and a definite and consistent effort on the part of the pastors to educate their members in the principles and practice of tithing. In this practice, the pastor must take the lead and the people must be encouraged to follow. We would also urge that each pastor start immediately after this Mission session to raise the benevolences on his charge for the new year, rather than to leave the matter to the end of the year.

This is the Lord's business. His program includes the evangelization of the whole world, and we are His ambassadors to carry His Gospel to the last man, woman, and child in the whole earth.

Let us meet His challenge and encourage our people to assume their share of the task!

J. SCOTT WILLMARTH, *Chairman*

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee expresses its admiration for the good work accomplished by all of our Sunday Schools in spite of the many obstacles and difficulties in the various charges. We commend the results that have been achieved in the training of the children by the many faithful teachers who are laboring under many disadvantages, in some cases.

The Committee recommends the following:

- (1) The use of the graded lessons, in Spanish, in so far as possible.

(2) The appointment of a committee to study the use of Class Reports, with a view to the recommending of the best one for general adoption in our Sunday Schools.

(3) A more extensive use of "El Nuevo Himnario Evangélico," which is an interdenominational book prepared for the use of all the churches; thus avoiding the need of using any other, and particularly one issued by a pentecostal house whose teachings are not helpful to our work.

E. M. SEIN, *Chairman*

EPWORTH LEAGUE

As all beginners have to learn how to do their work, so we have been trying to learn how best to tackle our task. I realize how interesting and profitable it is to work among young people, and for this reason I have dedicated as much of my time as possible to this cause.

We feel that more was accomplished last year than during the previous year, and that we have been able to advance a few steps farther toward our ideals. Much time has been spent in acquainting the pastors of the Mission with the objectives of the Epworth League cabinet. We hope that, since their attention has been called to this important and far-reaching work, we shall now be able to count upon their whole-hearted co-operation. Many of the pastors long have realized the necessity of this organization in the life of the church, and have developed their chapter to serve as a strong right arm.

The Lord has been with us during this Mission year, and the following figures will give an idea of our humble efforts:

EPWORTH LEAGUE			JUNIOR LEAGUE	
	1924	1925	1924	1925
Charters	5	10	none	4
Chapters	16	20	14	19
Members	496	571	370	476
Expenses	\$456	\$811	\$87	\$144

Sixteen Epworthians were at the Pacific Palisades Institute in the summer of 1924.

Since the last Mission session, with the help of God, the President has personally visited 12 Leagues, traveled 2,000 miles, and sent over 150 letters and circulars, in the interest of our Mexican Epworthians. During the year ten cabinet meetings were held.

Our aims as a cabinet have been: that every chapter have a name; that every League be registered in the Central Office; that every chapter pay its dues; that all Leagues function in four departments; that each Leaguer wear an Epworth League pin. In order to help reach these ultimate aims, the following definite steps have been taken:

Antonio Flores, our secretary, has compiled a list of the cabinet members of all the Leagues which responded to his request. Having this list, the other members of the Mission cabinet have been able to correspond with their respective officers in the local chapters and to help them with literature and suggestions. For instance, the third vice-president of a certain League did not know what he should do in his department. He tried to find out from his fellow-Leaguers, but they did not know. However,

he soon received a letter and a sample of literature from Leandro López; and at the next meeting of his chapter, he stood up and outlined the work of his department.

Two subdistricts have been established: The Epworth Leagues of Orange County assembled and organized themselves into a district, holding meetings the first Tuesday of each month. Observing the success of this work, the Los Angeles County Epworth Leagues followed the example of the Orange county chapters, and organized their district last February. Their meetings are held every two months—the next one at Watts, in April.

Furthermore, material, pictures and some money have been gathered, to publish a folder giving the history of the Epworth Leagues of this Mission. We are disappointed that it could not have been completed before this. But it is a work begun, which we feel sure the coming cabinet will finish.

ALFONSO SANCHEZ, *Chairman*

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

A questionnaire was sent to all of the pastors of the Latin American Mission, requesting certain data concerning evangelistic effort in their respective charges during the past year. Eighteen of the brethren responded, and the following data are available from the answers which were received.

Thirteen pastors held special meetings, and also carried on personal evangelistic work. Of the thirteen, ten had help in the conduct of their revival services. Of these ten, four had only one evangelist who assisted throughout the campaign; the other six having several persons assisting on different nights. Seven of the thirteen held meetings for one week; five held meetings for two weeks, and one held meetings for three weeks.

The total number of conversions recorded during these special meetings was 232; but the total number of conversions reported for the year was 478, showing that more conversions resulted from the personal work than through the special meetings. Two hundred and forty-two persons, or almost exactly 50 per cent of those reported as having been converted, joined the church.

These answers, together with the comments contained in the letters accompanying them, form a basis for presenting several suggestions for the serious consideration of our pastors. These are made in the interest of a more productive, resultful and permanent evangelism in building the Kingdom of God.

(1) Other things being equal, pastors should be their own evangelists, thus making easier the conservation of the results of special meetings.

(2) Where outside help is secured, it is well that it be a brother pastor rather than someone totally strange to and unacquainted with the congregation.

(3) It is in keeping with the securing of most satisfactory results to have the same person assisting throughout the entire series of meetings, rather than having several assisting on different nights. The reason can easily be seen. Different men appearing on different nights can bring no continuity of thought, but will be presenting different phases of the Gospel

at random, thus neutralizing the effect of their instruction. Christian salvation, being a reasonable process, demands consecutive thinking and proper consideration.

(4) It is strongly advised that no pastor should consider holding revival services for less than two weeks. To attempt to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings of a safe and sane sort in less time is little short of spiritual folly. The very psychology of the situation is against such procedure. The Gospel truth should be presented in a reasonable, logical and cumulative order, giving folk time to think their way through to a real decision for Christ and the Christian life. At the end of one week, if proper work has been done, many people have just begun to think seriously and, by closing the meetings then, these folk are left suspended in mid-air as concerns this most important and spiritually-vital question, only to conclude that, after all, there is not very much in religion, Christianity, or Christian experience. Verily, the last state of such persons is worse than the first, and it becomes increasingly difficult ever to reach them for a Christian decision.

(5) There should be some method provided for the more definite instruction of those presenting themselves as seekers. Such method should be adapted to the particular location and congregation concerned. It might be an altar service, or an after-service for seekers, or an inquiry room. People, so coming, frequently have difficult questions arising in their minds and hearts which must be answered then or never, if they are to be satisfied with their Christian faith and experience. Such instruction makes for definiteness, clearness, intellectual satisfaction and permanency in the conversions professed, and leads logically to the next suggestion.

(6) Aim to secure a larger percentage of converts for membership in the church. This can be done only as satisfactory work shall have been accomplished at the time of decision, followed up by the personal efforts of the pastor and his helpers. Every one truly converted will want to ally himself with some portion of Christ's army to do the Lord's work and to fight the battle of righteousness.

(7) We would emphasize personal evangelism, more and more, as the most effective means of bringing others to Christ. Not only should this effort be on the part of the pastor as a leader in such work, but he should seek to enlist every member of his church as a personal worker in the matter of bringing others into the Kingdom of God. It was the Master's main method by which He secured those who were to establish His Kingdom among men, and He urged them that they do likewise. It was His last command, and He still depends upon us to tell the "Good News."

(8) There should be held, at some convenient time and place during the year, an institute of two or three days or more during which this whole question of evangelism could be thoroughly studied by the pastors, with lectures, inspirational addresses and classes of instruction on this, the vital subject in our Christian work.

W. T. GILLILAND, *Chairman*

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Aside from the gathering of news items, published articles, and other printed matter pertaining to the work of the Latin American Mission and the organizations with which it is affiliated, or which function under its

direction, very little has been done, this past year, in connection with the acquisition and preservation of items for our library and collection of Methodistica.

However, with the beginning made in recent years, and especially since the formation of our Historical Society, we now have a fairly representative showing of books, pamphlets, published reports, and other valuable memorabilia, including manuscript, kodak prints, printed forms, and newspaper and magazine clippings, pertaining to the work of Methodism among the Latin peoples of the Southwest, and particularly of that work of which Dr. Vernon M. McCombs is the Superintendent. Many albums and scrap-books, filled with interesting and invaluable historical material, reveal the character and quality of the work accomplished, and will prove to be a permanent record for ready reference in the years that lie ahead.

As stated in previous reports, your Society desires and earnestly requests that pastors and other workers preserve and forward to the office of the Latin American Mission clippings from the local press in their respective communities, relating to their own fields of labor and the work by them accomplished. Cabinet photographs and kodak prints are also solicited, to the end that our albums may contain as nearly complete a record as possible of the tangible results of our consecrated efforts to advance the work of the Kingdom.

In addition to the bound volume containing all the issues of *El Mexicano*, save the one published following last year's session of our Mission, our library has been enhanced in value by the donation of the following books and pamphlets, which have been added to our shelves during the past few months:

(1) **Cyclopaedia of Methodism**, edited by Bishop Matthew Simpson, published in 1878, and bound in half-leather: a valuable item of more than a thousand pages, which our chairman purchased for only twenty-five cents, a few weeks ago.

(2) **Official Journal of the Latin American Mission**, for each of the five sessions during the past quadrennium, bound in one volume: a beautiful piece of work, in three-quarter leather, within whose covers are revealed the artistry of printing as done by the Spanish American Institute Press, under the direction of Earle C. Wood, master printer.

(3) **In The Days of Lincoln**, by Elizabeth K. Vincent: a charming, personal document from the heart, and mind, and pen of our veteran woman worker and member of the staff of the Plaza Community Center.

We are looking forward to the publication of two collections of verse by our own Esther Turner Wellman—**A Rosary of Madrigals**, and **Democracy and Other Verse**,—which should be off press and ready for her many friends within the next few weeks.

Members and friends of the Mission, who may desire to procure copies of the booklets by these two missionaries of the Cross, may leave their orders with the chairman of the Historical Society, whose high privilege it has been to have had a part in the publication of these three delightful titles.

We desire to mention, also, the gift of an interesting and valuable pamphlet, entitled "The Contribution of a Great Race," which Dr. L. M. Martucci brought with him to this meeting, and which he very kindly donates to our Society. For this item, and all others added to our library during the past year, we make sincere and grateful acknowledgement, and take this means of thanking all who have made contributions of any kind to our store of historical material relating to the Latin peoples of this Area and our work among them.

F. RAY RISON, *Chairman*

LATIN AMERICAN MISSION BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION, YEAR 1924

During the year 1924, the sum of \$84,973.83 was received from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and disbursed as follows:

Maintenance:

General Work	\$48,237.32
Plaza Community Center	12,193.93
Spanish American Institute	12,293.78

\$72,725.03	\$72,725.03
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Church Extension:

Bakersfield	\$ 250.00
Calexico (Special repairs)	218.80
Lamanda Park	2,850.00
Oakland Portuguese	950.00
Owensmouth	300.00
Sacramento	6,750.00
Westminster-Stanton	930.00

\$12,248.80	\$12,248.80
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Total	\$84,973.83
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In addition to the foregoing, received and distributed by the Latin American Mission Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the further sum of \$2,500 was set aside for the San Francisco Italian Friendly Center, thereby increasing the total of church-extension aid from \$12,248.80 to \$14,748.80, and making the grand total of grants received for both maintenance and church extension, during the past calendar year, \$87,473.83.

VERNON M. McCOMBS, *Chairman*

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE AND STATE OF THE CHURCH

Your committee on Temperance protests earnestly against the use of tobacco and alcoholic drinks, as also the immoderate use of meat.

(1) We would recommend strongly the temperance of the prophet Daniel.

(2) We would also advocate the organization of Temperance Legions throughout the field of the Latin American Mission, composed of the best elements in each community to carry out well-defined programs.

(3) We also recommend that periodical programs of Temperance be arranged in connection with the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, in which contests could be organized.

(4) We would also suggest that the activities of these Temperance Legions be communicated to the local authorities; so they may understand that such an organization is a powerful element, within the law, to defend those of our racial brothers who might become victims of the illicit liquor traffic.

J. C. NAVA, *Chairman*

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Your committee on Resolutions desires to express our gratitude to the Heavenly Father for the blessings of the attendance and direction of our presiding officer, Bishop Burns, whom we wish to have with us for many years. We return thanks to him for his kind and gracious administration.

Also, with great appreciation, we recognize the great courtesies of the pastor of this church, the Rev. J. C. Nava, together with his congregation, who cared for the conference so well.

Also, the conference greatly appreciates the wonderful arrangements made for the accommodations and well-being by the pastors and ladies of the churches in San Fernando; especially the First Methodist, the Presbyterian, the Christian, the Holiness, and the Baptist Churches. For the entertainment and the meals provided our members, we return thanks.

Also, we record our appreciation of the co-operation of the local press in publishing notices of this Annual Meeting.

We thank the friends who delighted us with their fine music: the young ministers' chorus, the harpist, and the different solos and choruses.

The floral decorations have delighted our eyes, while the devotional songs have lifted our spirits to Heaven.

We return thanks for the precious blessing of the presence of our distinguished Bishop Burt, and the pleasure of seeing his family: also the presence of Dr. Mains, Dr. Klinefelter, Dr. Guild, Dr. Crist, Dr. Bysshe, and other distinguished visitors.

Words can not express our satisfaction in the presence of our beloved leader, Dr. McCombs, whose precious life has been and is always an inspiration to us all, not omitting to mention the inspiration of the eminent lady, Mrs. McCombs.

To summarize, your committee agrees in pronouncing the arrangements and the entertainment as being fine and most blessed.

ELIZABETH K. VINCENT, *Chairman*

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS														
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NAMES OF PASTORS														
List No.	Schools on Charge	Officers and Teachers	Children on Cradle Roll	Pupils Enrolled in all Grades	Members in Home Dept.	Total Enrollment in All Departments	Average Attendance of All Grades	Pupils, including Home Dept., Church Members	(Not Reported)	From Sunday School Accessions to Church	(Not Reported)	Paid by School to World Service	Sunday School Expenses	List No.
1	Anaheim Circuit. (Mex.)	3	10	70	129	80	58	33					12	1
2	Artesia Circuit. (Mex.)	2	4	129	60	133	69	55					56	2
3	Bakersfield Circuit. (Mex.)	1	3	60	12	63	68	54					5	3
4	Calexico Circuit. (Mex.)	3	18	140	15	185	95	114					67	4
5	Fullmore Circuit. (Mex.)	1	8	60		68	39	44					76	5
6	Fullerton. (Mex.)	1	8	44		52	38	39					15	6
7	Glendora. (Mex.)	1	3	15		18	12	3					9	7
8	Lamanda Park. (Mex.)	1	5	50		55	34	26					38	8
9	Long Beach Circuit. (Mex.)	2	11	69		80	45	66					75	9
10	Los Angeles: Wilson St. (Italian)	1	4	36		146	30	1					12	10
11	Los Angeles: Plaza. (Mex.)	1	16	168		184	131	80					90	11
12	Mesa. (Mex.)	1	2	40		42	30	11					12	12
13	Moorpark. (Mex.)	1	3	55		58	19	15					15	13
14	Mountain View. (Lat. Amer.)	3	9	73		92	61	22					61	14
15	Newman-Hanford. (Port.)	1	2	4		18	9	9					63	15
16	Oakland-San Pablo. (Port.)	1	13	6		112	53	84					63	16
17	Orange-El Modena. (Mex.)	2	9	93		101	46	78					55	17
18	Pasadena. (Mex.)	1	7	16		184	50	35					25	18
19	Rivera-Dorney. (Mex.)	2	9	21		165	68	60					40	19
20	Sacramento. (Mex.)	1	5	12		86	40	44					200	20
21	San Bernardino Circuit. (Mex.)	2	14	170		194	75	101					33	21
22	San Francisco: Filipino. (Fil.)	2	6	57		63	28	6					25	22
23	San Francisco: Casa del Popolo. (Italian)	2	8	78		109	65	40					48	23
24	Santa Ana Circuit. (Mex.)	1	8	63		71	43	22					24	24
25	Santa Monica Circuit. (Mex.)	2	12	30		232	88	107					36	25
26	Santa Paula-Ventura. (Mex.)	1	9	11		90	40	42					113	26
27	Selma Circuit. (Mex.)	1	7	7		85	99	75					84	27
28	Stockton. (Mex.)	2	3	46		49	33	17					28	28
29	Tia Juana-San Ysidro. (Mex.)	1	3	38		47	30	8					50	29
30	Van Nuys-Owensmouth. (Mex.)	2	5	110		134	91	54					21	30
31	Watts-Compton. (Mex.)	2	10	14		110	48	40					45	31
32	Westminster-Stanton. (Mex.)	2	5	75		80	48	40					15	32
Totals														1420

(f) Mission Treasurer

NAMES OF CHURCHES OR CIRCUITS		DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES				MISCELLANEOUS BENEVOLENCES						OTHER CASH ITEMS				List No.
		World Service	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Latin American Mission Sustenatation Fund	Latin American Mission Expenses	Spanish American Institute	Plaza Community Center	Total Benevolences Ordered by the Mission	Support of Bishops (Bispopal Fund)	Chairmans of Conference	Conference Investments for Conference Chairmans	General Conference Expenses	Grand Total (Including Disciplinary and Miscellaneous Benevolences, and Other Cash Items)	List No.
1	Anaheim Circuit..... (Mex.)	63	.....	.....	63	24	10	6	20	60	1	5	.....	1	130	1
2	Artesia Circuit..... (Mex.)	8	.....	.....	8	2	2	1	3	8	1	2	.....	1	20	2
3	Bakersfield Circuit..... (Mex.)	61	.....	.....	61	.....	9	5	12	26	1	.....	.....	1	89	3
4	Calexico Circuit..... (Mex.)	47	.....	.....	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	4
5	Fillmore Circuit..... (Mex.)	23	.....	.....	23	25	5	3	10	43	1	5	.....	1	73	5
6	Fullerton..... (Mex.)	10	.....	.....	10	5	2	1	3	11	1	2	.....	1	30	6
7	Glendora..... (Mex.)	11	.....	.....	11	5	6	4	14	29	1	2	.....	1	44	7
8	Lamanda Park..... (Mex.)	23	.....	.....	23	18	4	2	13	37	1	6	.....	1	71	8
9	Long Beach Circuit..... (Mex.)	65	.....	.....	65	47	12	8	25	92	2	6	.....	1	166	9
10	Los Angeles: Wilson St. (Italian)	49	.....	.....	49	11	8	5	15	39	1	7	.....	1	97	10
11	Los Angeles: Plaza..... (Mex.)	156	3	3	162	79	45	27	665	816	3	30	.....	2	1013	11
12	Mesa..... (Mex.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
13	Moortpark..... (Mex.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
14	Mountain View..... (Lat. Amer.)	21	.....	.....	21	20	4	2	8	34	1	.....	.....	1	57	14
15	Newman-Hanford..... (Port.)	32	.....	.....	32	.....	6	.....	3	9	.....	.....	.....	1	43	15
16	Oakland-San Pablo..... (Port.)	51	.....	.....	51	21	10	6	20	57	1	.....	.....	1	110	16
17	Orange-El Modeno..... (Mex.)	41	.....	.....	41	4	2	13	19	1	.....	.....	.....	1	62	17
18	Pasadena..... (Mex.)	90	.....	.....	90	67	20	12	40	139	2	22	.....	2	255	18
19	Rivera-Downey..... (Mex.)	31	.....	.....	31	3	8	5	15	31	1	6	.....	1	70	19
20	Sacramento..... (Mex.)	26	.....	.....	26	.....	9	2	6	17	1	.....	.....	1	45	20
21	San Fernando Circuit..... (Mex.)	27	.....	.....	27	5	9	5	18	37	1	10	.....	1	86	21
22	San Francisco: Filipino..... (Fil.)	24	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	26	22
23	San Francisco: Casa del Popolo..... (Italian)	30	.....	.....	30	8	4	1	5	18	.....	.....	.....	1	50	23
24	Santa Ana Circuit..... (Mex.)	94	.....	.....	94	20	12	36	68	.....	.....	11	.....	2	177	24
25	Santa Monica Circuit..... (Mex.)	51	.....	.....	51	10	6	4	12	32	2	.....	.....	3	88	25
26	Santa Paula-Ventura..... (Mex.)	48	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	1	60	26
27	Selma Circuit..... (Mex.)	36	.....	.....	36	7	6	4	12	29	1	.....	.....	1	67	27
28	Stockton..... (Mex.)	22	.....	.....	22	10	4	1	11	26	1	.....	.....	1	50	28
29	Tia Juana-San Ysidro..... (Mex.)	12	.....	.....	12	6	2	1	1	10	1	.....	.....	1	31	29
30	Van Nuys-Owensmouth..... (Mex.)	15	.....	.....	15	10	3	1	5	19	1	2	.....	1	38	30
31	Watts-Compton..... (Mex.)	30	.....	.....	30	18	5	3	10	36	1	12	.....	1	80	31
32	Westminster-Stanton..... (Mex.)	26	.....	.....	26	.....	6	4	12	22	1	4	.....	1	54	32
Totals.....		1233	3	3	1239	401	220	127	1007	1764	36	144	15	33	3231	

VII.

Memoirs

AMBROSIO C. GONZALES: "HERO OF GOD"

IT is with sincere regret and sorrow that we record the death and burial of the Rev. Ambrosio Concepción Gonzales, who, for twenty-seven years, was a faithful minister of the Gospel, in New Mexico and Southern California.



AMBROSIO C. GONZALES
AND HIS LOVED ONES

After three years of continuous illness and intense physical suffering, Brother Gonzales, age 49 years, departed this life early on Friday morning, July 11, at his late residence in Pasadena, and was buried in beautiful Mountain View cemetery, the following Monday.

Amazing the outreach of this Mexican lad, born in New Mexico and educated in Methodist Home Mission schools. Translated before he reached life's hill-top he left a multitude of believers and a large officers' corps of Christian workers, called to his Captain's Colors during his brief life. From far-away Magalang, Pampanga, Philippine Islands, came dear words of loyalty and sympathy and a quickened passion to serve, even though without food or salary. The floral tributes were accompanied by touching testimonials to the one who had "brought me the light," "shown me the trail to Christ," "En memoria of the hero of God," and "our spiritual chief."

Folks who are studying "The Land of All Nations" found there the chapter devoted to "A Shining Light"—Ambrosio C. Gonzales. The dynamic little mission-study volume arrived to gladden the heart of its hero just before the Savior placed a crown upon his weary brow. Mrs. Gonzales tells of the letters from all over the country and says, "The thought comes to me, as I read these letters from everywhere, that if there is any-

thing about ourselves that we may never know, it is how far our influence travels, working either for good or bad."

What are the facts in brief of this noble life we honor in this solemn hour?

Brother Gonzales was born in Peralta, Valencia County, New Mexico, on the 16th day of February, 1875, and, when only one year of age, was given to his grandfather, whose name he bore, and who was said to have been the first Protestant Mexican convert in New Mexico, and the first Mexican preacher in the United States.

His grandfather dying about eight years afterward, the boy Ambrosio went to stay with an uncle, who, despite the fact that he kept a saloon in connection with his general merchandise store, believed that the lad should have a good education, and so made arrangements for Ambrosio to attend the Albuquerque Biblical College, founded by the late Dr. Harwood, and now known as the Harwood Boys' School. Because of the training there received, Ambrosio later decided to become a preacher, and forever abandoned the idea of becoming a merchant and saloon-keeper.

In 1895, Brother Gonzales was named a local preacher, his first field of labor being the Albuquerque circuit. In October, 1900, he received his first conference appointment, which was Clayton, near the Colorado line, where, on the 24th of December of that same year, he was married to Martha F. Garcia, an educated and consecrated young woman, who became his life companion and associate in the service of his Master.

In 1903, he was ordained a Deacon by Bishop John M. Walden, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and in 1909 was elected to Elder's orders and ordained an Elder by Bishop William A. Quayle, at El Paso, Texas. In 1908, he was appointed to Raton, New Mexico, and in 1911 to Albuquerque, where he served the First Spanish Methodist Episcopal Church for one year.

Transferring from the New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference in 1912, Brother Gonzales became an active member of the Southern California Conference, and was one of the pioneers in the work among the Spanish-speaking people of our Southland, serving the following Mexican charges during his pastorate there: Santa Ana, Pasadena, and Lamanda Park.

Failing health made it necessary for him to assume the retired relation in 1922; but in spite of his serious physical condition, and regardless of the fact that he knew that his days on earth were numbered, Brother Gonzales refused to retire from the work to which God had called him, and so, from that time and until his death, he supplied the Lamanda Park Mexican Methodist Mission.

When the new church and community center at Lamanda Park was opened for public worship on Sunday, June 22, Brother Gonzales was present and directed the program of the day; though, even then, he must have known that only a few days, at the most, remained for him to serve his Lord in the commodious plant, which, to him, was a dream come true, and an answer to his prayers.

Following the exercises of that eventful day, he took to his bed, never to rise again, until God called him, and he went Home.

Two public services were held, following his death,—the first on Sunday afternoon, July 13, and the second on Monday forenoon, July 14,—in order that his many friends might have an opportunity to pay their respects to his memory.

In the absence of Dr. V. M. McCombs, under whose superintendency Brother Gonzales served for twelve years, the Rev. W. T. Gilliland, Superintendent of the Plaza Community Center, at the request of the family,

officiated at both of the services that were held in the chapel of Turner and Stevens, in Pasadena, as well as at the services conducted at the grave.

Among those who assisted in one or both of the public services, were Drs. Merle N. Smith, Walter C. Buckner, E. M. Sein, and F. D. Mather, and the Revs. Antonio Jimenez, Alfonso Sanchez, Gross W. Alexander, H. Puré, E. Cobos, Emilio N. Hernandez, and Leandro Fernandez. Prof. A. Miller and Mrs. Mary N. Coots, members of the choir of the Holliston Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Pasadena, sang two favorite selections most beautifully and sympathetically.

Brother Gonzales left, surviving him, his widow, two children, five brothers, and two sisters. These and other relatives, with his myriad friends, mourn the passing, but rejoice in the coronation, of this servant of God, who was, indeed, a faithful soldier of the Cross and hero of God, during his more than a quarter of a century of Christian ministry.

VERNON M. McCOMBS



LAST PICTURE of WINIFRED HOOKER
in company with PASTOR LOMBA and DOCTOR McCLUNG

WINIFRED HOOKER

WINIFRED HOOKER came to us as a volunteer worker two years ago. She had been a worker and pianist in the John Brown evangelistic meetings, and was compelled by the illness of her mother to settle

in Oakland. After her mother's death, she became the lady missionary of our Portuguese church. She was very efficient in organizing the Sunday school into graded departments, and in her work with the young people.

In December, she started, with the co-operation of the pastor, the Sunday-evening services in English. A choir of fifteen young people, American, Portuguese and Italian, was formed to sing at the evening services.

In the midst of Christmas preparations, she was compelled to undergo an operation on her throat; and after four days of intense suffering, was called Home. Her great desire was to live for the Portuguese people. Her intimate friend, Miss Margaret Lobb, promised her that she would carry on her work, and so has given up a teacher's position, at twice the salary, to keep her promise.

At the funeral, after the beautiful service conducted by her former pastor, Dr. O'Rear, assisted by Dr. McCombs and A. J. Lomba, an Italian girl and an American knelt at the casket and pledged their lives to Christian service. Thus Winifred Hooker lives!

A. J. LOMBA

VIII. Historical

MISSION SESSIONS

No	Year	Date	Place	Presiding Bishop	Secretary	Charges or Circuits	Church Members		Church Buildings	Parsonages
							Preparatory	Full Conn.		
1	1920	Aug. 16-17.....	Los Angeles.....	A. W. Leonard.....	E. M. Sein.....	21	314	686	10	3
2	1921	June 2-3.....	Los Angeles.....	A. W. Leonard.....	E. M. Sein.....	22	329	730	11	6
3	1922	Feb. 9-10.....	Pasadena.....	A. W. Leonard.....	E. M. Sein.....	21	510	820	11	6
4	1923	Feb. 6-7.....	Los Angeles.....	W. O. Shepard.....	E. M. Sein.....	25	597	819	19	8
5	1924	Apr. 8-9.....	Orange.....	A. W. Leonard.....	E. M. Sein.....	30	671	1064	23	15
6	1925	Mar. 12-14.....	San Fernando.....	C. W. Burris.....	E. M. Sein.....	32	743	1248	28	16

IX.

Miscellaneous

(a) Daily Proceedings in Spanish

ACTAS, PRIMER DIA

JUEVES, 12 DE MARZO DE 1925

Sesión de la tarde

La sexta sesión anual de la Misión Latino Americana se reunió en la Iglesia Metodista Episcopal Mexicana de San Fernando, de la cual es pastor el Rev. J. C. Nava, el 12 de Marzo de 1925, bajo la presidencia del Obispo Charles Wesley Burns.

Servicio de Comunión.—Después de llamar la reunión al orden a las doce y quince minutos de la tarde, el Obispo Burns suplicó que se cantase un himno; después de lo cual invitó al Obispo William Burt para presidir en la primera mesa. A continuación se administró el sacramento de la Cena del Señor tomando parte los Drs. V. M. McCombs, Geo. P. Mains y E. M. Sein, y los Revs. J. C. Nava, A. Jimenez y A. B. Bruni en ayuda del Obispo en este sagrado servicio.

Necrología.—Inmediatamente después bajo la presidencia de la Sra. Elizabeth K. Vincent se efectuó un hermoso servicio memorial de las siguientes personas.

Leyó el panegírico de la finada Srta. Winifred Hooker, antigua obrera entre los Portugueses de Oakland, el Rev. A. J. Lomba, pastor del circuito Portugués de Oakland y San Pablo. En seguida la Sra. Raquel Cortez cantó un solo en español con acompañamiento al piano por la Sra. McCombs.

El Dr. V. M. McCombs leyó el panegírico de nuestro finado hermano Ambrosio Concepción Gonzales, uno de nuestro primeros obreros, y en seguida se elevó una oración por Enrique Narro.

Se mencionó el nombre del finado Obispo William A. Quayle por el Obispo Burns quien suplicó al Obispo Burt elevase una oración en memoria de la partida de su amado camarada y compañero.

Después de cantarse una estrofa y el coro del himno "Hay un feliz hogar", el Obispo Burns anunció que E. M. Sein, secretario de la última sesión llamaría la lista de los miembros.

Lista de miembros.—Se pasó lista de todos los miembros contestando todos presentes con excepción de Leonardo C. Flores, Ralph Rader y Quentin P. Royer. El Superintendente manifestó que estos tres pastores no podían estar presentes.

Presentaciones y Ofrenda.—Ezequías Durán y su esposa fueron presentados a los Obispos Burns y Burt y su pequeña niña recibió la bendición episcopal.

En seguida por indicación del Dr. McCombs se tomó una ofrenda para la familia del miembro finado de la congregación local cuyo funeral se efectuó en esta Iglesia en la mañana. Más tarde se informó que la suma colectada fué de 40 dólares.

Organización—Siguió la formal organización de ésta sesión anual y se eligieron los siguientes oficiales:

E. M. Sein, Secretario

J. Scott Willmarth, Tesorero

Luis P. Tirre, Secretario de estadística

Ricardo K. Schade, Secretario de ferrocarril.

Por indicación del Dr. McCombs se concedió permiso a los anteriores oficiales para designar a sus ayudantes. Las personas designadas fueron las siguientes. F. Ray Risdon, Secretario ayudante; Benito E. García, Tesorero ayundante; Mabel Holly y Dorcas Turner, ayudantes del Secretario de estadística; Francisco O. Quintanilla, ayundante del Secretario de ferrocarril.

Comisiones—El Dr. McCombs propuso las comisiones para funcionar el siguiente año, las cuales fueron debidamente elegidas. (Véase lista de comisiones.)

El nombramiento de los miembros de la Comisión de Programa se pospuso por súplica del Dr. McCombs.

E. M. Sein sugirió el nombramiento de una comisión de cinco personas sobre Cordialidad Interdenominacional y a moción suya quedó nombrado como presidente W. T. Gilliland y los siguientes miembros: R. K. Schade, E. M. Sein, L. P. Tirre y Enrique Narro.

Programa Oficial—A moción de F. Ray Risdon se adoptó como programa oficial el que se distribuyó impreso entre los miembros.

Ordenación—El Obispo Burns procedió a la ordenación de Helen Louise Byrnes, miembro de la Conferencia Trimestral de la Primera Iglesia Metodista Episcopal de Los Angeles, como diaconisa local (la que será confirmada por la Conferencia Anual del Sur de California); tomando parte en dicha ordenación el Obispo William Burt.

Informe del Superintendente—Se llamó el nombre del Dr. V. M. McCombs, Superintendente de la Misión Latino Americana; su carácter fué aprobado y pasó a leer su informe anual. (Véase informe.)

Sociedad Bíblica Americana—El Dr. D. H. Klinefelter, Superintendente de la Misión China del Pacífico, fué presentado y dió una breve respuesta en español, y en seguida leyó un informe del Dr. A. W. Mell, de San Francisco, quien por razón de enfermedad no pudo estar presente para darnos su discurso tocante a la obra que desarrolla la Sociedad Bíblica Americana en los estados del Pacífico.

Presentaciones—El Dr. Geo. P. Mains, Agente retirado de la Casa Metodista de Publicaciones, fué presentado y dirigió algunas palabras, y después de cantarse las estrofas de un himno, el Obispo Burns habló algunas palabras de aprecio tocante a la benéfica obra e influencia del Dr. Mains.

Fueron presentados la Sra. F. W. Prince, la huésped del Obispo, y el Sr. M. J. Heiler, cajero de un banco de la localidad.

Se volvió a llamar al Dr. Mains a la plataforma y habló acerca de los comienzos y crecimiento de la Casa Metodista de Publicaciones.

Se presentó a la Srta. Katherine B. Higgins, muy amada de todos, al Obispo y se le concedió una ovación por todos los presentes.

Se hizo presentación del Dr. M. A. Rader y algunos de los estudiantes del Instituto Hispano Americano; igualmente W. T. Gilliland, presidente de la Escuela Cristiana Preparatoria del Centro de la Plaza, hizo la presentación de los otros instructores y ocho de los estudiantes matriculados en este departamento de nuestra obra.

Informe del Instituto—C. A. Robinson, Superintendente del Instituto Hispano Americano, fue llamado y después de algunas palabras de introducción, rindió su informe. (Véase informe.)

Salutaciones fueron leídas de parte de Leonardo C. Flores y del Dr. H. B. Johnson, Superintendente de la Misión Japonesa del Pacífico.

A moción de E. M. Sein, se acordó enviar un mensaje de simpatía a la viuda del finado Obispo Quayle.

Presentación—El Sr. P. Robertson, vice-presidente de la junta de administración del Instituto Hispano American, fue presentado y dirigió breves palabras respecto de aquel plantel educacional.

Después fué presentado el Sr. J. F. Woodsum, amigo de la obra, y enseguida el Obispo Burns en términos afables hizo le presentación del Obispo Burt, su esposa y su hija y del Sr. W. H. Maxwell de Pasadena. Cada una de estas personas fue objeto de cariñosa salutación.

Se hicieron los anuncios por el pastor J. C. Nava, E. M. Sein, el Dr. McCombs y otros miembros de la Misión.

Siguió la atenta presentación de la Sra. C. A. Robinson, Srta. Snow Newton y la Sra. McCombs.

Se hizo constar también la presencia del Dr. R. J. Taylor, profesor en el Colegio de Pomona.

Se levantó la sesión con oración por W. T. Gilliland.

SEGUNDO DIA

VIERNES, 13 DE MARZO DE 1925

Sesión de la Mañana

La sesión de la mañana, bajo la presidencia del Obispo Charles Wesley Burns, se abrió a las 9 de la mañana. Se cantaron dos de los himnos favoritos en español y Luis P. Tirre elevó una oración.

En seguida se cantó el himno "El nombre de Jesús," y el Dr. McCombs leyó la porción escrituraria en inglés y español, por súplica del Obispo.

En seguida el Obispo dirigió la plática terminando con oración.

Después se cantó el himno 173, y el secretario leyó el acta de la sesión anterior, la cual fue debidamente aprobada.

Centro Filantrópico de la Plaza—El nombre de W. T. Gilliland fue llamado, aprobado su carácter, y en seguida dió lectura a su informe como Superintendente del Centro Filantrópico de la Plaza. (Véase informe.)

A continuacién, el Obispo Burns, el Dr. McCombs y W. T. Gilliland emitieron conceptos de confianza, tocante al proyecto del nuevo edificio de la Plaza contestando algunas preguntas sobre el particular.

Unión Social Pan-Americana—Por indicación del Dr. McCombs y a moción de E. M. Sein, la elección de los siguientes oficiales de la Unión

Social Pan-Americana fue debidamente confirmada: Presidente, Hon. José S. Saenz, Consul de Cuba y Panamá; Vice-presidente, Arthur M. Loomis; Secretaria, Srta. Mabel Holly y Tesorero Benito Garcia.

Liga Epworth—Alfonso Sanchez, presidente de la Liga Epworth de la Misión Latino Americana, nombró la siguiente comisión de candidatura para formar el gabinete del distrito del año venidero: Alphonso Domínguez, F. O. Quintanilla y Juan Palacios, y su nombramiento fué confirmado debidamente por la Misión.

Circuito de Orange—Se llamó el nombre de Ricardo Schade, se aprobó su carácter y rindió su informe como pastor del circuito de Orange y El Modena. En seguida fué elegido como director del canto para esta sesión anual.

Informes Pastorales—Se llamó los nombres de los siguientes pastores, en el orden señalado, su carácter fué aprobado y pasaron a rendir su informe Benjamín N. Cortez, Bakersfield; Ezequías Durán, Owensmouth—Van Nuys; Benito E. García, Santa Ana; y Emilio Hernández, Long Beach.

Se llamó el nombre de Antonio Jimenez y su carácter fué aprobado, aunque por razón de enfermedad estuvo ausente temporalmente.

Se continuó pasando lista y los siguientes pastores rindieron sus informes, después de aprobado su carácter: Antonio J. Lomba, Circuito Portugués de Oakland y San Pablo; Lucius M. Martucci, Centro Amistoso Italiano de San Francisco.

Centro Amistoso Italiano—Como cortesía especial, la Sra. McCombs habló del interés que ha manifestado la Sra. del Obispo Burns en la obra entre los Italianos en el distrito de la bahía de San Francisco y Monterey. El pastor residente dió breve respuesta a algunas preguntas que le fueron hechas por el Obispo tocante a la adquisición del Centro Italiano y el programa de esta Iglesia Institucional.

Informes—Enrique Narro rindió su informe como pastor del circuito de Anaheim, después de llamado su nombre y aprobado su carácter.

Por súplica del Obispo el hermano Schade y su esposa cantaron un duo en inglés y en español.

Se llamó los nombres de J. C. Nava y F. O. Quintanilla, y aprobado su carácter, dieron su respectivo informe. Como punto extraordinario de su informe, el hermano Quintanilla mostró algunas reliquias e imágenes cedidas por varios nuevos conversos a la fé evangélica.

Se hicieron los anuncios por J. C. Nava.

Hermanidad de Viaje—R. K. Schade informó que la comisión respectiva había fijado en \$7.18 la pro-rata de gastos de viaje, la cual fué debidamente aprobada.

El Rev. H. H. Hocker, pastor de la Iglesia Metodista Episcopal de San Fernando hizo un anuncio de importancia.

Presentaciones—Los Drs. Lewis Thurber Guild y Clyde M. Crist, respectivamente superintendentes de los distritos de Los Angeles y San Diego de la Conferencia del Sur de California, fueron presentados lo mismo que las Señoras C. D. Bowlus, G. N. King y A. Sanchez; después de lo cual W. T. Gilliland presentó a las Señoritas Lila B. MacDowell y Olive A. Knoch y mencionó los nombres de otros miembros del cuerpo de la Plaza.

Se levantó la sesión con oración dirigida por J. R. Wood.

Sesión de la tarde

El culto devocional estuvo a cargo de E. M. Sein, quien principió el servicio a las 2:15.

Después de la lectura bíblica y oración, fué presentado el Rev. Ignacio López, Presidente de la Convención de Escuelas Dominicales y Sociedades Cristianas de Jóvenes del Sur de California, quien habló acerca de la próxima Convención que se efectuará el mes de Mayo en Santa Ana.

Ensayo—Fué leído nuevamente el ensayo preparado por E. M. Sein sobre el tema: "Movimientos Religiosos de la Actualidad," por súplica especial y para beneficio de todos los hermanos presentes.

Sesión de negocios—El Dr. McCombs abrió la sesión de la tarde, a ruego del Obispo Burns, quien fué detenido a causa de otros asuntos importantes.

El Obispo llegó y ocupó la presidencia en los momentos en que se leía el acta de la sesión de la mañana. Terminada la lectura, el acta quedó aprobada.

Obra Fronteriza—Se llamó el nombre de Luis P. Tirre, quien, después de aprobado su carácter, paso a leer su informe. El Obispo le aseguró que contaba con las oraciones y buenos deseos de todos los amigos de su obra en aquel campo difícil de la frontera.

Un coro de nueve señoras, esposas de pastores de nuestra Misión, cantó una selección de himnos acompañados al piano por el hermano Tirre.

Informes—Se llamó a los siguientes pastores, y aprobado su carácter, pasaron a rendir informe: Alfonso Sanchez, circuito de Ventura y Santa Paula, quien presentó un grupo de jóvenes miembros de aquella iglesia. E. M. Sein, Iglesia Metodista Episcopal Mexicana de la Plaza, Los Angeles; J. L. Tavares, circuito Portugués de Newman y Hanford; Cristóbal G. Valencia, Stockton, y J. Scott Willmarth, circuito de Wintersburg y Huntington Beach, cuyo informe fué suplementado por Celso Esparza del circuito de Westminster, Stanton y Talbert.

Salutaciones—El Dr. Clyde M. Crist presentó las salutaciones del Gabinete de la Conferencia Anual del Sur de California, así como las suyas personales, sirviéndole de intérprete E. M. Sein.

Junta de la Misión Latino Americana—F. Ray Risdon leyó, a ruego del Dr. McCombs y J. Scott Willmarth, un breve sumario de la condición que guardan los asuntos que administra esta Junta de la Misión Latino Americana.

Síndicos—Se leyeron los nombres de los propuestos por el Dr. McCombs con anuencia del Obispo, y a moción hecha y secundada, quedaron aprobados por unanimidad, como sigue: Obispo Charles Wesley Burns, Vernon McCombs, G. Bromley Oxnam, L. T. Guild, Clyde M. Crist, Carl M. Warner, A. C. Bane, A. C. Stevens, W. L. Y. Davis, W. T. Gilliland, Sra. J. H. McCallum, E. M. Sein, Arthur M. Loomis, Arthur G. Lindley y J. Scott Willmarth.

Comisión Especial—Se llamó el nombre de Leonardo C. Flores y su caso se refirió a una comisión especial, propuesta y nombrada por el Dr. McCombs, como sigue: E. M. Sein, Enrique Narro, W. T. Gilliland, L. P. Tirre, y J. Scott Willmarth, quienes recibieron el cargo de conferenciar con el Superintendente de la Misión para considerar asunto de vital importancia.

Bautismo—El Obispo anunció la orden del día para la mañana del sábado, y después de hechos los anuncios se clausuló la sesión. A continuación se efectuó el bautismo del niño Edwin Lincoln Perea, nieto del Rev. Gavino García y esposa.

THIRD DAY

SABADO, 14 DE MARZO DE 1925

Sesión de la Mañana

Después del servicio de canto bajo la dirección de R. K. Schade, el Obispo Burns suplicó se cantase un himno especial, el cual fué desempeñado por los esposos Schade, con anterioridad al mensaje devocional de la mañana.

Culto Devocional—Tomando el versículo cinco del capítulo nueve de S. Mateo como base de su discurso, el Obispo nos llevó a sublimes alturas espirituales hasta el corazón de Dios. El fervor espiritual del momento se hizo más patente por las oraciones ofrecidas, después del mensaje, por L. M. Martucci y C. G. Valencia.

La sesión de negocios principió a las 9:50, bajo la presidencia del Obispo Burns. Se leyó el acta de la sesión de la tarde anterior, la cual fué aprobada después de una ligera corrección con referencia a la situación de la Junta de la Misión Latino Americana de la Iglesia Metodista Episcopal.

Obra en Sacramento—Se llamó los nombres de S. J. Domínguez y Retta Parrot y rindieron sus respectivos informes de la obra en aquel lugar.

Se cantó un himno debido a la pluma de un nuevo converso por Raquel Cortez, Betty Verrue y S. J. Domínguez, a la conclusión del cual el Obispo presentó a la Srta. Verrue quien ha agradado a todos por medio de sus hermosas selecciones vocales.

Presentaciones—El Dr. McCombs presentó algunos amigos de la localidad incluyendo a la Sra. Spurgeon Clemens, Sra. E. S. Carter y Sra. Williams.

Organización Femenil—Después de algunos anuncios importantes hechos por el Dr. McCombs y otras personas, las misioneras y esposas de los pastores se retiraron al salón social con el fin de perfeccionar su organización femenil. Se concedió licencia a la comisión nombrada el viernes para que se retirara a considerar el asunto que le fue encomendado.

Pastores Suplentes—Se llamó los nombres de los suplentes que están en servicio activo y rindieron informe en el orden siguiente: Feliciano Chavez, Moorpark; Leandro López, Fullerton, quien obsequió al Obispo una fotografía tamaño imperial de su Liga Epworth; Gavino García informó del circuito de Rivera, Downey y Hynes; Alphonso Domínguez de Santa Mónica; J. R. Wood, Glendora; Tranquilino Gomez, Artesia; Juan Palacios, Fillmore; Pedro Robles, ayudante, Orange; Carlos Andueza, Lamanda Park.

En seguida un grupo de niños de la Iglesia Mexicana local deleitó a todos los presentes con un hermoso himno.

Presentación de Banderas—Después de un informe entusiasta por la Sra. Kathryn S. Cramp referente a su obra en la frontera, Luis P. Tirre ofreció una agradable sorpresa presentando a cinco de nuestros obreros quienes en el orden siguiente, hicieron al Obispo la presentación de la bandera de sus respectivos países, a saber: Elizabeth K. Vincent, la bandera de los Estados Unidos; E. M. Sein, la de México, L. M. Martucci, la de Italia, J. L. Tavares, la de Portugal, y Carlos L. Andueza, la de España.

Tanto antes como después de la presentación de estas hermosas banderas, la congregación entonó algunos aires patrióticos y a continuación el Obispo contestó dando las más expresivas gracias por el obsequio.

Extensión de Tiempo—Por indicación del Obispo y a moción de E. M. Sein se extendió el tiempo de la sesión de este día.

Obra en Francia—El Dr. Ernest W. Bysshe, por varios años superintendente de la Misión en Francia fué presentado y dirigió algunas palabras con referencia a la obra de la Iglesia Metodista Episcopal en aquel país.

Relaciones de Conferencia—El informe de la comisión de relaciones fué rendido por W. T. Gilliland quien presentó en orden los nombres de Alfonso Escobosa de la Iglesia Metodista Episcopal de la Plaza de Los Angeles, Catarino Erasmo Ballesteros, de la Iglesia de San Fernando, quienes fueron recomendados para admisión a prueba en la Conferencia Anual del Sur de California.

Se aprobaron debidamente ambas recomendaciones y cada uno de estos jóvenes será recomendado para admisión a prueba en la Conferencia Anual del Sur de California.

C. E. Ballesteros fue llamado y presentado a la Conferencia por el Obispo Burns.

Preguntas Disciplinarias—J. Scott Willmarth presentó el informe de la junta de Examinadores, que se consideró punto por punto y hechas las preguntas disciplinarias, se contestaron como sigue:

Pregunta 1—“¿Quienes están a prueba en los estudios del primer Año?” Carlos L. Andueza, Benjamín N. Cortez, Alphonso Dominguez, (Sur de California); Esteban J. Domínguez, Bonifacio Durán, (California); Tranquilino Gomez, Leonardo López, (Sur de California); Antonio J. Lomba, (California); Juan C. Palacios, Pedro Robles, (Sur de California); Joaquin J. Gutiérrez, (California).

Pregunta 2—“¿Quienes están a prueba?” (a) “En estudios del Segundo Año?” Benito E. García, (Sur de California); Cristóbal G. Valencia, (California). (b) “¿En estudios del Tercer Año?” Ninguno. (c) “¿En estudios del Cuarto Año?” Ninguno.

Pregunta 3—“¿Quienes son miembros de la Conferencia en estudios del Tercer Año?” Ezequías Durán, Leonardo C. Flores, Francisco O. Quintanilla, (Sur de California).

Pregunta 4—“¿Quienes son miembros de la Conferencia en estudios de Cuarto Año?” Emilio N. Hernández, (Sur de California).

Pregunta 5—“¿Qué Predicadores Intinerantes han sido ordenados Diáconos?” (a) “¿En curso ordinario?” Ezequías Durán, Francisco O. Quintanilla, (Sur de California). (b) “¿Cómo Predicadores Locales?” Ninguno. (c) “Bajo la regla misionera?” Ninguno. (d) “Bajo la regla de seminario?” Ninguno.

Pregunta 6—“¿Que Predicadores Locales han sido ordenados Diáconos?” Ninguno.

Pregunta 7—“¿Que Predicadores Itinerantes han sido ordenados Presbíteros?” (a) “¿En el curso ordinario?” Ninguno. (b) “¿Como Diáconos Locales?” Ninguno. (c) “Bajo la regla misionera?” Ninguno. (d) “¿Bajo la regla de seminario?” Ninguno.

Pregunta 8—“¿Que Diáconos Locales han sido ordenados Presbíteros?” Ninguno.

Recomendaciones—A moción hecha por J. Scott Willmarth, fueron continuados los hermanos en los estudios del primer año, Benito García y Cristóbal G. Valencia fueron recomendados para pasar a los estudios del tercer año y miembros en plena comunión en sus respectivas Conferencias, a condición de que terminen los estudios prescritos para el segundo año; Ezequías Durán, Leonardo C. Flores y F. O. Quintanilla fueron recomendados para continuar en los estudios del tercer año; y Emilio N. Hernández para continuar en los estudios del cuarto año.

Asignaciones—El informe de la Comisión de Asignaciones fué rendido por J. Scott Willmarth, recibido con general aprobación y F. Ray Risdon propuso su adopción y archivo.

Evangelismo—El informe de la Comisión de Evangelismo fué presentado por W. T. Gilliland. (Véase informe.)

A moción del Dr. McCombs, se aprobó que este informe se publique en inglés y español en las Actas Oficiales y que se mande una copia a “The California Christian Advocate”.

Presentaciones—El Rev. F. H. Blair, Director de Educación Religiosa de las Industrias de Buena Voluntad del Sur de California, fué presentado, e igualmente lo fueron el Sr. y la Sra. F. W. Prince y el Sr. M. J. Heiler, de San Fernando.

El Sr. F. W. Prince dirigió algunas palabras de provecho para todos, sirviendo de intérprete E. M. Sein.

Fueron también presentados el Sr. Marshall O. Nelson y la Srta. Evangelina Nava, habiendo anunciado el Dr. McCombs el matrimonio de esta última en fecha próxima.

Después de los anuncios hechos por el Dr. McCombs y la elección del hermano Enrique Narro para dirigir el culto de la tarde, F. Ray Risdon propuso que se levantara la sesión para volverse abrir a las 2 de la tarde, lo cual fué aprobado.

Se terminó con oración por el hermano Enrique Narro.

Sesión de la Tarde

Después del acto devocional, dirigido por Enrique Narro, el Obispo Burns pidió la lectura del acta de la mañana, la cual fué leída por el secretario y aprobada debidamente.

Pregunta 10—Se hizo una pregunta: “¿Cuál es el informe estadístico del año?” L. P. Tirre, como secretario de estadística rindió los informes respectivos, los cuales fueron aprobados y archivados. (Véase informes.)

Pregunta 13—Se hizo la pregunta: “¿Dónde se tendrá la próxima Sesión Anual?”

Los circuitos de Long Beach y Watts-Compton hicieron invitaciones por conducto de Emilio Hernández y F. O. Quintanilla respectivamente.

A moción de Luis P. Tirre, la elección de lugar se refirió a una comisión compuesta del Obispo presidente, el Superintendente de la Misión y el Secretario actual.

Pregunta 11—Se hizo la pregunta: "¿Cuál es la suma total de las colectas ordenadas por la Conferencia General, según informe del Tesorero?" Benito E. García, el tesorero ayudante, rindió informe y manifestó que el total de las asignaciones disciplinarias, colectado en el año, ascendió a \$1239.

A moción del Dr. V. M. McCombs, el informe fué aprobado y se ordenó al Tesorero darle publicidad con las correcciones necesarias. (Véase informe.)

Asignaciones—El Obispo anunció las asignaciones para el año entrante y a moción del Dr. McCombs fueron adoptadas según la recomendación de la Oficina de Chicago.

Educación y Escuelas Dominicales—El informe de esta comisión fué rendido por E. M. Sein, el cual fué aceptado y archivado. (Véase informe.)

Liga Epworth—Alfonso Sanchez rindió el informe brevemente respecto a la obra de la Liga Epworth e hizo algunas observaciones tocante a los problemas que confrontan a dicha organización.

A moción del Dr. McCombs, se aprobó se hiciese constar en las actas el personal de la Mesa Directiva de la Liga Epworth de la Misión para el año entrante, como sigue: Alfonso Sanchez, presidente; Alfonso Escobosa, primer vice-presidente; Carlos López, segundo vice-presidente; Stella Jiménez, tercer vice-presidente; Antonio Sein, cuarto vice-presidente; Otila Lujan, secretaria; Sra. Celia F. Domínguez, tesorera; Carlos L. Andueza, bibliotecario; Dorcas L. Turner, superintendente de Ligas Infantiles.

Presentaciones—Fueron presentadas las personas siguientes: la Srta. Ruth Overton y el Rev. F. W. Blanchard, amigos de la localidad y la obra de la Misión Latino Americana, la primera de quienes habló en terminos encomiásticos de la obra que estamos haciendo.

Sociedad Histórica—El informe de esta sociedad fué leído por F. Ray Risdon y debidamente aprobado. (Véase informe.)

Misiones Domésticas—El Dr. V. M. McCombs rindió el informe de la Junta de Misiones Domésticas y extensión de la Iglesia de la Misión Latino Americana, cuyo informe, a moción de E. N. Hernández, fué adoptado, quedando autorizado el envío de una carta de agradecimiento por el Dr. McCombs a la Junta de Misiones Domésticas y Extensión de la Iglesia con domicilio en Philadelphia, por los subsidios generosos en favor de la obra de la Misión Latino Americana.

Comisiones—El Dr. V. M. McCombs nombró las siguientes comisiones, que fueron debidamente aprobadas:

Comisión de Programa: El Obispo Residente, el Superintendente de la Misión y el pastor huésped.

Comisión de Publicidad: F. Ray Risdon, E. M. Sein, L. M. Martucci y J. L. Tavares.

Extensión de tiempo—A moción del Dr. McCombs se concedió extensión de tiempo.

Pregunta 9—Se hizo la pregunta: “¿Fué examinado el carácter de cada predicador?”

El Obispo anunció que se asentase la respuesta: “Esto se hizo estrictamente al llamarse el nombre de cada predicador en sesión general de la Conferencia Anual.”

El informe de la comisión especial fué llamado y E. M. Sein informó que la comisión recomendó que el asunto se refiriera al Superintendente de la Misión y miembros de la comisión especial para mayor consideración y decisión.

Se llamó el nombre de Leonardo C. Flores y se aprobó su carácter.

Obreros laicos—A moción de F. Ray Risdon, se excusaron algunos de los informes, excepto en el caso de aquellos obreros cuyos nombres fueron llamados por el Dr. McCombs, como sigue: Alma H. Blew, Rena Cathcart, Alice E. Davidson, Lila B. MacDowell, María Mendoza, Snow Newton (cuyo informe fué leído por la Sra. McCombs), María Soto, Dorcas Turner y Sra. Elizabeth K. Vincent.

La Srta. Betty Verrue, Luis P. Tirre, Alfonso Sanchez y Enrique Narro hablaron en términos encomiásticos de la obra abnegada que se está llevando a cabo en Mesa, Arizona, por la Srta. Alma H. Blew.

Salutaciones de parte de la Sra. Burns, esposa del Obispo, se ofrecieron a la conferencia por el mismo, y a moción del Dr. McCombs se extendieron recíprocas salutaciones a la expresada Señora.

Actas Oficiales—Se presentó la siguiente resolución por F. Ray Risdon, la cual fué aprobada:

Que el Secretario quede autorizado para publicar los informes recibidos en esta conferencia, junto con las actas en inglés y español y que al ser publicadas sean adoptadas como las actas oficiales de la sexta reunión anual de la Misión Latino-Americana.

Presentaciones—Fueron presentadas y saludadas con aplauso la Srta. Mabel Holly y la Sra. Salomé Tirre, madre de Luis P. Tirre.

Candidato para el Ministerio—El nombre de Celso Acosta fué presentado por el Dr. V. M. McCombs como candidato para admisión a prueba en la Conferencia Anual del Sur de California, por la recomendación de la Conferencia Trimestral de la Iglesia Metodista Episcopal Mexicana de Long Beach.

A moción de E. M. Sein, el nombre de este hermano fue recomendado a prueba mediante la aprobación de la Comisión de Relaciones de Conferencia de la Misión Latino Americana.

Resoluciones—El informe de la Comisión de Resoluciones y Memoriales fué presentado por la Sra. Elizabeth K. Vincent y a moción de E. M. Sein dicho informe fué adoptado poniéndose todos los miembros de pie. (Véase informe.)

Actas—Después de algunos anuncios, el Secretario leyó el acta de la tarde la que fué aprobada debidamente.

Platica íntima—El Dr. McCombs leyó un pasaje del salmo 37 y dirigió unas palabras de fraternidad y compañerismo.

Los nombramientos—Se dió lectura a los nombramientos y se hizo constar el cambio de relaciones de W. E. Kirby, Ralph Rader y la Srta. Snow Newton. (Véase lista de nombramientos.)

Los pastores y suplentes fueron llamados al altar, al leerse sus nombres, y el Obispo ofreció un servicio breve de consagración que terminó en oración.

En seguida siguió un rato de compañerismo en que participaron todos los miembros de la conferencia la que se clausuló sine die.

Certificamos que lo anterior es el registro correcto y oficial de los procedimientos de la Misión Latino Americana en su sexta sesión anual.

CHARLES WESLEY BURNS
Presidente

E. M. SEIN
Secretario

(b) Summary of Superintendent's Report

SUMARIO DEL INFORME ANUAL DEL SUPERINTENDENTE DE LA MISION LATINO AMERICANA

Los trabajos del año han sido múltiples y bendecidos del Señor en gran manera, aún en los lugares nuevos y pequeños, como por ejemplo, en Moorpark donde un obrero voluntario Feliciano Chávez, ha sembrado la semilla y ha reunido ya una pequeña congregación.

La suma de actividad es que durante el año ha puesto en contacto a los norteamericanos con los mexicanos y otros latinos, en los varios lugares que comprende este campo, es notable y ha resultado en una nueva atmósfera favorable para la obra en general.

La venida del nuevo obispo Burns nos ha proporcionado una simpática personalidad para la supervisión de todo el campo de la Misión Latino Americana, al mismo tiempo que lamentamos profundamente la muerte de uno de nuestros primeros obreros y pastores en esta Misión, el Rev. Ambrosio C. Gonzales. Por razones de escasez de fondos del Servicio Mundial y también de salud perdimos a Ralph Rader, Nellie Cramer, W. E. Kirby, la Sra. Gerdes y la Srta. Lucia Ibarra. Entre nuestros obreros hubo tres matrimonios, Juanita Turner se casó con George Root, Celia Flores con Alphonso Domínguez y Teresa Rodríguez con un joven de la Iglesia de Stockton. También la Srta. Snow Newton, obrera entre los filipinos en San Francisco, pronto contraerá matrimonio. Por quebrantada salud la Srta. Katherine B. Higgins ha tenido que abandonar sus arduos trabajos en el Centro de Beneficencia de la Plaza; mas al mismo tiempo ha ingresado la Srta. Olive A. Knoch como enfermera diplomada. También nos alegramos en contar al Dr. M. A. Rader, superintendente ayudante en el Instituto Hispano Americano de Gardena.

Entre las nuevas propiedades contamos capillas construídas en Mexicali, Orange, Lamanda Park y San Pablo. Las propiedades de la Misión llegan al valor de \$138,567.14. Por lo que toca a la obra espiritual, podemos informar que en el año hubo 900 conversiones, 344 bautismos, se recibieron 431 miembros a prueba y 390 en plena comunión, habiendo tenido que lamentar 22 defunciones. Hay en la actualidad 1,248 miembros en plena comunión, 743 a prueba y 431 no residentes, además se cuentan 120 afiliados y aproximadamente 3,320 adherentes. Hay 48 Escuelas Dominicales con 3,080 miembros y 20 Ligas Epworth con 517 y 10 Ligas Infantiles con 476 miembros, 22 Sociedades de Señoras con 340 miembros.

La obra italiana se ha principiado a desarrollar en seis centros distintos que son: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Monterey, San Pedro, Oakland y Sonoma, bajo auspicios alentadores y cuyos resultados en la actualidad hacen esperar adelantos notables en el porvenir.

Entre españoles residentes en Mountain View, cuna de esta obra, se ha notado algún progreso, que es alentador; lo mismo puede decirse de los filipinos en varios lugares, obra que en adelante quedará, por acuerdo de las autoridades correspondientes, bajo la supervisión del Dr. D. H. Klinefelter, antiguo residente en Filipinas.

La obra portuguesa ha presentado varios aspectos alhagadores tanto en Oakland como en el valle de San Joaquín, con perspectiva de adelanto en el porvenir.

La obra mexicana representa la parte más importante de la Misión con sus cerca de 33 circuitos sostenidos y visitados por cerca de 20 pastores y estudiantes quienes han hecho una labor excelente a pesar de las graves dificultades que han existido en algunos lugares. Particularmente llama la atención la obra en Mexicali, que está en la frontera y Mesa, Arizona donde se han operado actos memorables de progreso. La perspectiva no puede ser más halagueña, si se tiene en cuenta que es éste un trabajo nuevo y que se desarrolla en medio de graves dificultades.

En la rica zona de la naranja, donde Ricardo y Jesusita Schade continúan sus victorias, también se han visto señales de sólido progreso. La Clase Bíblica ha levantado un hermoso local consagrado a la obra en aquellos contornos. Las demandas de la obra desde San Francisco hasta Tia Juana son de tal naturaleza que sólo con el heroísmo de nuestros obremos y la bendición del Altísimo podemos conquistar esta tierra de promisión.

El contacto de nuestra Misión Latino Americana tiende a establecer indefectiblemente una corriente de simpatía y hermandad entre las dos razas, y si este siglo ha de transformar el mundo en una hermandad cristiana, es preciso armarnos de valor y entereza cristianos para obtener los felices resultados que anhelamos. "Pelead por vuestros hermanos, por vuestros hijos y vuestras hijas, por vuestras mujeres y por vuestras casas." (Neh. 4:14).

V. M. McCOMBS, *Superintendente*

(c) Report of the Committee on Evangelism

INFORME DE LA COMISION DE EVANGELISMO

Oportunamente se envió a todos los pastores de la Misión un cuestionario suplicándoles nos dieran ciertos datos concernientes a los esfuerzos evangelísticos en sus respectivos lugares. Se recibieron dieciocho respuestas de las cuales tomamos los siguientes datos: trece tuvieron reuniones especiales y cinco no. Todos los que tuvieron reuniones especiales hicieron también trabajo personal. Diez de los trece dieron ayuda en la celebración de sus servicios de avivamiento; cuatro de los diez solamente tuvieron un evangelista que les ayudó en su campaña. Los otros seis tuvieron varias personas en diferentes noches para ayudarles en sus servicios. Siete tuvieron reuniones durante la semana; cinco tuvieron reuniones durante dos semanas y uno tuvo reuniones durante tres semanas. El número total de conversiones registradas durante estas reuniones especiales fué de 232; pero el total de conversiones de que se da informe durante el año fue de 478, mostrando que fue mayor el número de conversiones como resultado de el trabajo personal que el obtenido por las reuniones especiales. Doscientas cuarenta y dos personas, o exactamente el cincuenta por ciento de las conversiones informadas, se unieron con la Iglesia.

Estos datos junto con los comentarios contenidos en las cartas de los pastores, forman la base para presentar varias indicaciones para una serie de consideraciones de parte de nuestros pastores, las cuales nos permitimos hacer con el interés de obtener una labor más fructífera y permanente en la edificación del reino de Dios.

1. Teniendo en cuenta todas las cosas, los pastores deben ser sus propios evangelistas, siendo de esta manera más fácil la conservación de los resultados de los servicios especiales.

2. Cuando se obtenga ayuda de afuera, será preferible que sea un hermano pastor más bien que una persona extraña y desconocida de la congregación.

3. A fin de obtener más satisfactorios resultados se recomienda que la misma persona ayude durante toda la serie de reuniones más bien que tener distintas personas en diferentes noches. La razón es fácil de comprenderse; pues distintas personas presentándose en diferentes noches no pueden ofrecer continuidad de pensamiento si no que presentarán diferentes facetas del evangelio al acaso, de esta manera neutralizando el efecto de su instrucción. La salvación cristiana siendo un proceso razonable requiere pensamiento consecutivo y propia consideración.

4. Se recomienda vehementemente que ningún pastor considere celebrar cultos de avivamiento por menos de un período de dos semanas; la tentativa de dirigir una serie de cultos evangelísticos de carácter sano y seguro en menos tiempo, es menos que un crimen espiritual; pues la misma psicología de la situación se opone a tal procedimiento. La verdad del evangelio debe presentarse en orden lógico, razonable y cumulativo, dando tiempo a las gentes de que piensen en llegar a una decisión real tocante a Cristo y la vida cristiana. Al fin de una semana, si se ha hecho

buen trabajo, muchas gentes apenas han principiado a pensar seriamente; y, al terminar las reuniones, han quedado como suspendidas en el aire por lo que concierne a la cuestión espiritual de mayor importancia, llegando a la conclusión que, después de todo, no hay gran cosa en el cristianismo o en la experiencia cristiana. Por cierto que el último estado de tales personas es peor que el primero y se hace mucho más difícil traerlas a una decisión cristiana.

5. Deberá haber un método para dar instrucción más definitiva a los que se presenten en busca de la verdad, y semejante método debe adoptarse a las condiciones locales de cada congregación. Puede ser un servicio de oración en compañía de varios de los miembros de la iglesia o un servicio posterior para los nuevos conversos o una clase de preguntas concernientes a la religión; pues hay gentes que al acercarse a nuestros cultos tienen con frecuencia, en el corazón y la mente, cuestiones que deben ser contestadas entonces o nunca si han de quedar satisfechas de la fe y experiencia cristianas. Dicha instrucción trae precisión, claridad y satisfacción intelectual, acompañada de la permanencia de la conversión y que conduce lógicamente a la siguiente sugestión.

6. Es preciso asegurar el mayor número de conversos para que sean miembros de la iglesia; y esto sólo se consigue por efectuar trabajos satisfactorios al tiempo de la decisión seguida de los esfuerzos personales del pastor y sus ayudantes. Cada uno de los verdaderamente convertidos deseará alistarse en alguna porción del ejército de Cristo para hacer la obra del Señor y sustentar las batallas de la justicia.

7. Debemos dar más énfasis de traer a los demás a Cristo, y no sólo debe de ser este el esfuerzo del pastor como director de dicha obra si no que debe procurar que los miembros de su iglesia como obreros personales tomen empeño en traer a otros al reino de Dios. Tal fué el método principalmente empleado por el Maestro por el cual obtuvo los que habrían de establecer su reino entre los hombres, y les instó a que siguieran el mismo modo. Tal fué su último mandato y aun continua confiando en nosotros para difundir las "Buenas Nuevas."

8. Convendría tener, en algun lugar adecuado y tiempo disponible durante el año un instituto de dos o tres días o más durante el cual el asunto entero del evangelismo pudiera estudiarse completamente por los pastores con ayuda de conferencias, discursos de inspiración y clases de instrucción sobre este tema de vital importancia de nuestra obra cristiana.

W. T. GILLILAND, *Presidente*

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Pastoral Record

Members of Conferences in San Francisco Area

NAME	CONFERENCE
Bruni, A. Bruno.....	Southern California
Durán, Ezequías.....	" "
Flores, Leonardo C.....	" "
Gilliland, W. T.....	" "
Hernández, Emilio N.....	" "
Jiménez, Antonio.....	" "
McCombs, Vernon M.....	" "
Martucci, Lucius M.....	California
Narro, Enrique.....	Southern California
Nava, J. C.....	" "
Quintanilla, Francisco O.....	" "
Royer, Quentin P.....	" "
Sánchez, Alfonso.....	" "
Schade, Ricardo K.....	" "
Sein, Eucario M.....	" "
Tavares, José L.....	" "
Tirre, Luis P.....	" "
Willmarth, J. Scott.....	Southern California

Members of Conferences Outside of Area

Rader, Marvin A.....	Philippine
Wood, Joseph R.....	Baltimore

Students on Trial

Andueza, Carlos L.....	Southern California
Cortéz, Benjamin N.....	" "
Dominguez, Alphonso.....	" "
Dominguez, Stephen J.....	California
Durán, Bonifacio.....	" "
García, Benito E.....	Southern California
Gomez, Tranquilino.....	" "
Gutiérrez, Joaquín J.....	California
Lomba, Antonio J.....	" "
López, Leandro.....	Southern California
Palacios, Juan C.....	" "
Robles, Pedro.....	" "
Valencia, Cristóbal G.....	California

Recommended for Admission on Trial

Acosta, Celso.....	Southern California
Ballesteros, Catalino E.....	" "
Escobosa, Alfonso.....	Southern California

Supply Pastors

Chavez, Feliciano; Esparza, Celso; García, Gavino.

Lay Workers

See list of names under heading, "Other Appointments."

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